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1 Age and Petrology of the Usun Apau and Linau Balui Volcanics: Windows to Central Borneo's
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34 ABSTRACT

35 The Usun Apau plateau lies in a remote area of Sarawak along the Tinjar Line, which defines the
36 onshore part of a suture between the Luconia and Dangerous Grounds blocks. Reconnaissance
37 studies in late 1950s established that the plateau is composed of a bimodal suite of young
38 volcanic rocks, but no further work exists to constrain the age and petrogenesis of the Usun Apau
39 Volcanics. We present and discuss new data from a suite of volcanic rocks recently collected
40 from the Usun Apau region. These data include ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar age dates of mineral separates, major
41 and trace element geochemistry, and Sr, Nd, Pb isotope geochemistry. The Usun Apau plateau is
42 constructed largely of dacite and andesite erupted between 3.9 to 4.1 Ma. Minor basaltic dikes
43 and flows (*ca.* 2.1 Ma) represent a distinctly younger episode of volcanism that is similar in age
44 and character to the Linau Balui basalts about 100km SE of the plateau. Although the trace
45 element and isotopic suites from both areas indicate the parental melts were generated from a

garnet-bearing, LILE-enriched, non-HIMU OIB-like mantle source, depletion in the HREEs and a negative Nb anomaly impart some characteristics of an island arc-type source contribution. The Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanics are too young to be directly linked to subduction beneath Borneo; indicating a source region possibly modified by an older episode of subduction. Sr, Nd, Pb inter-isotope correlations plot within the same arrays as Pliocene basalts from the Southern Sulu Arc (500 km NE) which suggests much of northern and central Borneo is underlain by similar lithosphere. Assimilation-fractional crystallization modeling indicates that differentiation of the Usun Apau dacite magmas included assimilation of continental crust with very low $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$. Modeling different basement compositions as contaminants yielded non-unique results. Triassic Malay granite and different Archean granites represent plausible types of assimilants; whereas crust of Dangerous Grounds and Kontum Plateau do not.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Usun Apau plateau, one of several volcanic edifices of the interior of Sarawak, separates the headwaters of the Baram and the Pelagus-Rajang rivers (Figures 1 and 2). The plateau is renowned for spectacular waterfalls that spill over its rim; the Julan Falls have a sheer plunge of more than 200m (Hazenbroek and Morshedi, 2001). The plateau averages about 1000m elevation and is constructed of flat-lying volcanic rocks that nonconformably overlie strongly deformed Paleogene flysch of the Rajang-Crocker Group. With annual rainfall on the plateau exceeding 2m (Camerlengo et al. 2000), a youthful age for the plateau is inferred by the preservation of small calderas, which form the Dupoi valley, and constructional cones, such as Bukit Selidang, on the eastern side of the plateau (Figure 2). Campbell (1956) and Kirk (1968) reported the Usun Apau volcanics include hypersthene-bearing dacites cut by subordinate late-stage basaltic dikes. Subsequent studies establishing the age and petrogenetic lineage of the Usun Apau volcanics are lacking, however. Hutchison (2005) noted the need for a modern petrologic and radiometric-dating program targeting the Usun Apau, but expressed doubt that such a program would be undertaken owing to the plateau's remote setting in Borneo's rugged interior highlands. In 2007 a small expedition attempting to climb Bukit Selidang (1373m) collected a suite of samples suitable for the program envisioned by Charles Hutchison. This study reports the analytical results from those samples within the framework of recent studies of Pliocene basalts from the Linau-Balui plateau (Taib, 2012) and the Southern Sulu Arc (Macpherson et al. 2010).

2.0 REGIONAL SETTING

The lithosphere of the Borneo region comprises several blocks accreted to SE Asia prior to the Cenozoic (Figure 1b; Metcalfee, 2010; Hall, et al. 2009). The SW Borneo Block is a Paleozoic-cored fragment of Australian Gondwanaland sutured to Sundaland during the Middle Cretaceous (Metcalfe, 2010). The greater Dangerous Grounds, which comprises the Luconia, the Dangerous Grounds, and Reed Banks (Figure 1b), collided with the SW Borneo Block along the Lupar Line in the Late Cretaceous (Metcalfe, 2010; Hall, et al. 2009) ending an episode of subduction beneath SW Kalimantan that produced the Schwaner Mountain granites (Hutchison, 1996). An interval of relative tectonic quiescence that followed collision of the greater Dangerous Grounds ended with the initiation of SE-directed subduction of the oceanic crust of the proto-South China Sea (ca. 45 Ma; Hall et al. 2009) and ultimately to the progressive collision of the Dangerous Grounds and Reed Banks continental blocks with NW Borneo and Palawan, respectively. The history of subduction of the proto-South China Sea (SCS) beneath NW Borneo is poorly understood. Some workers envision an extensive proto-SCS (Taylor and Hayes, 1983; Hall, 2002; Clift et al. 2008) with protracted subduction that extended into the Early Miocene, whereas Rangin et al. (1999) and Cullen (2010) envision a narrower proto-SCS with less subduction prior to collision of the Dangerous Grounds and Reed Bank with the upper plate of the North Borneo Palawan Block.

Hutchison et al. (2000) interpreted the suture between the Dangerous Grounds and North Borneo Palawan Block as passing through the central part of Sabah (Figure 1b). Mesozoic granitic rocks have been dredged from fault scarps on the Dangerous Grounds (Kudrass et al. 1986; Yan et al. 2010). Zircons from the Late Miocene Mt. Kinabalu pluton with inherited Late Cretaceous and older cores (Cottam et al. 2010) are strong evidence that Dangerous Grounds basement extends to the suture proposed by Hutchison et al. (2000). Although the

North Borneo Palawan Block has an oceanic character marked by exposures of Lower Cretaceous ophiolites, the nature of the basement supporting the Sabah and South Palawan ophiolites is unclear. Several lines of evidence suggest this basement is of a continental affinity; Jurassic to Triassic age granitoids crop out in small windows beneath the ophiolites (Hutchison, 2005), Pliocene basalts from the Southern Sulu Arc have isotopic signatures indicating assimilation of Archean continental crust (Macpherson et al. 2010), Bouguer gravity data indicate that most of Sabah is underlain by low density crust (Milsom and Holt, 2001), and to the NE the Sulu Sea and Palawan have been interpreted as part of micro-continental plate (Bird et al. 1993; Yumul et al. 2009).

The Usun Apau plateau lies along the Tinjar Line where a deflection in the structural grain of the underlying Rajang-Crocker Group defines a large oroclinal bend (Figure 1a; Hutchison, 2010). The Tinjar Line is often shown extending offshore extension to link with the West Baram Line (Figures 1 and 3). These “lines” are poorly understood features that have never been rigorously defined. In early tectonic models (Hamilton, 1978; Hollaway, 1982; Daly et al. 1991) the lines are not featured; whereas some subsequent models interpret these lines as lying along a transform boundary that accommodated differential motion between the Luconia Block and the Dangerous Grounds during subduction of the proto-SCS (Figure 1b; Morley, 2002; Clift et al. 2006; Hall, et al. 2009). With respect to current plate boundaries, however, the Usun Apau plateau represents an intra-plate tectonic setting that is ideally located to study the nature of the Luconia Block in relation Borneo’s other possible basement fragments. To the extent that volcanic rocks represent direct, albeit modified, samples of the lower crust and upper mantle, the distribution, age, and composition of Borneo’s igneous rocks provide information with which to constrain models for the region’s tectonic evolution. Borneo’s Cenozoic igneous record is

intriguing and somewhat problematic. Igneous rocks of various ages, although widespread, are limited and not a volumetrically significant portion of the rock record. Episodes of bimodal volcanism that occurred in the Late Eocene and Late Miocene to Pleistocene are separated by Oligocene-Miocene calc-alkaline igneous activity. For the purposes of this paper we group Borneo's Cenozoic igneous rocks into 5 informal units (Figure 3).

1. The Usun Apau and Linau Balui plateaus belong to a group of dissected Plio-Pleistocene volcanic tablelands that cap parts of Borneo's interior highlands. These tablelands include the Nieuwenhuis Mountains, and the Nankan plateau, and thus mostly lie SW of the Tinjar line (Figure 3). Owing to their remote location, the volcanic rocks of tablelands remain relatively under-studied. Basalts, dacites, and andesites have been reported (reviewed by Tate, 2002; Hutchison, 2006) and a limited number of age determinations indicate Pliocene to Pleistocene magmatic activity (Weerd and Armin, 1992).
2. The Southern Sulu Arc (SSA) comprises Early to Middle Miocene andesites, which record short-lived subduction of part of the Celebes Sea beneath SE Sabah, as well as Plio-Pleistocene basaltic rocks that post-date subduction (Chiang, 2002; Hutchison, 2005). Those basalts have been interpreted as being derived by partial melting of from an OIB-like mantle, and some of the more evolved basaltic andesites have radiogenic isotopic ratios indicative of assimilation of ancient continental crust basement. (Macpherson et al. 2010).
3. The Sintang suite is represented primarily by Oligocene to Miocene calc-alkaline stocks, plugs, and dikes (Van Bemmelen, 1949; Soeria-Atmadja, 1999) that are associated with epithermal gold mineralization (van Leeuwen, et al. 1990). The Sintang suite occurs mostly in Kalimantan, but extends into Sarawak, Malaysia, near the city of Kuching where two distinct phases of igneous activity are recorded; Early Miocene (23.7 Ma to 23.3 Ma) calc-

alkaline diorites and Middle to Late Miocene (14.6 Ma to 6.4 Ma) microtonalites and dacites, which have an adakite signature (Prouteau et al. 2001). The Kuching adakites are associated with gold-antimony mineralization and have been interpreted as re-melting of oceanic lithosphere modified during an earlier episode of subduction (Prouteau et al. 2001). Alternatively, the Linhaisai minettes (*ca.* 8 Ma, ultra-potassic phlogopite-bearing mafic dikes) in the Central Kalimantan (Figure 3) suggests the region is underlain by enriched subcontinental mantle lithosphere (Bergman et al. 1988).

4. Mt. Kinabalu is an isolated, sheeted, granitic pluton in northern Sabah, Malaysia, that was emplaced in several short pulses between 7 and 8 Ma (Cottam et al. 2010); it can be regarded as post-dating subduction and collision of Dangerous Grounds continental crust. Isotopic data show that older pulses have more radiogenic Sr and Pb and less radiogenic Nd and Hf than the younger pulses, which may reflect either differences in crustal assimilation or incongruent dehydration melting of a sole source (Burton-Johnson and Macpherson, 2012). Inherited zircon ages from the Mt. Kinabalu pluton indicate it is underlain by subducted Mesozoic Dangerous Grounds continental crust (Cottam et al. 2010).
5. Bi-modal Eocene volcanic rocks crop out at several widely separated locations (Pieters and Supriatna, 1990) and have been penetrated by exploration wells in nearly all of Kalimantan's onshore basins (Satyana et al. 1995). This episode of volcanism is likely related to the early rift phase of basinal extension (Hutchison, 1996). The Bukit Mersing basalts, approximately 100 km east of the Linau Balui plateau (Figure 3), have trace element characteristics of ocean island basalts (Taib, 2006). These basalts are important because their geochemical signature predates any modification of the lithosphere during Oligocene-Early Miocene tectonism.

3.0 FIELD PROGRAM & SAMPLING

The Usun Apau plateau covers an area of about 770 km². Its original extent, although undoubtedly larger, is not known. The plateau's margins are steep; sheer drops up to 300m reflect the thickness of the lavas and welded tuffs that make up the plateau and cap steeply dipping sandstones and shales of the Belaga Formation. Fresh outcrops are limited to stream cuts in deep ravines. Access is limited and dangerous. Because high runoff and strong currents quickly round material transported from the plateau and remove weathering rinds, river cobbles collected near the base of the plateau provide fresh, albeit out of place, samples. Owing to the relatively small size of the plateau and numerous drainages the river cobbles represent samples transported only short distances. On the south side of the plateau, 8km from Bukit Selideng, the seven UP samples were collected from the Silio River near the base of the Silio Falls (Figure 2) where crudely bedded welded tuffs overlie weakly jointed lava flows (Figure 4). In hand sample the welded tuffs have well developed flow banding defined by black fiamme; UP4 had visible quartz and was classified as dacite. The lavas, 15% plagioclase phenocrysts set in an aphanitic groundmass, were classified in the field as andesite owing to their light gray color. Additional samples from Usun Apau caldera walls and from Linau-Balui plateau were collected during field work between 1982 and 1987 (Banda and Aji, 2012) and analyzed by Taib (2012).

4.0 ANALYTICAL METHODS

Appendix A summarizes our analytical techniques and results are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3. Age determinations used performed using the Ar-Ar method (University of Nevada Las Vegas), major and trace elements were measured by X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy (Washington State University and University of Malaya); and trace elements and radiogenic isotopes were measured by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (Washington State University, Vrij University Amsterdam, and Durham University).

5.0 RESULTS

5.1 Petrography: Examination of standard, but unstained, thin sections confirmed the field classifications of andesite and welded tuff (Figure 5). The welded tuffs have a glassy groundmass with numerous small opaque crystals presumed to be Fe-Ti oxides. Euhedral to subhedral hypersthene phenocrysts set in the groundmass suggest pyroxene was an equilibrium phase at the time of eruption. Plagioclase phenocrysts (*ca.* An₄₀ from extinction angles) are also present; some show strong oscillatory zoning indicative of minor fluctuations in the magma chamber prior to eruption (Figure 5c). Groundmass plagioclase is slightly more sodic (*ca.* An₃₀). Although rare, small grains of biotite are present; these yielded reliable age dates. Several samples have large anhedral quartz grains with highly embayed rims around which the glassy groundmass shows viscous flow features (Figure 5a). Abundant inclusions of rutile are present in some quartz grains indicating a plutonic source (Figure 5b). The Usun Apau plateau is constructed upon a thick section of the Belaga Formation which has sandstones derived largely from a granitic provenance such as the Schwaner Mountains (van Hattum et al. 2006). We interpret the quartz grains as xenocrysts from the Belaga Formation, rather than an equilibrium phase at the time of eruption. The lava flows have a pilotaxitic texture owing to alignment of plagioclase laths (*ca.* An₄₀) and subhedral hypersthene (Figure 5d). The phenocrysts in the lavas are smaller than those in the welded tuffs. Rounded quartz grains are present, but rare, whereas biotite was not seen in thin section.

5.2 ³⁹Ar-⁴⁰Ar Age Determinations: Three samples were analyzed using conventional furnace step-wise heating analyses on bulk mineral separates (Table 1). Although the samples had U-shaped age spectra commonly associated with excess argon (Figure 6), stable plateau ages

could be determined for each sample; UP 7 yielded a 3 point isochron age. An isochron age is the best estimate of the age of a sample, even if a plateau age is obtained.

The age spectrum for the UP-4 biotite is characterized by high initial ages (step 2 ~6.2 Ma) that decrease progressively to ages of ~4 Ma by ~10% gas released. This decline is followed by a flat, concordant age spectrum for the remainder of the gas released. The total gas age, which is equivalent to a conventional K/Ar age, is 3.96 ± 0.03 Ma. Steps 8-13 (77% of the ^{39}Ar released) define a slightly younger, but statistically indistinguishable, plateau age of 3.90 ± 0.04 Ma. There is no isochron defined by these data. Ca/K ratios are slightly high in the first few steps, but otherwise generally consistent with outgassing of a homogeneous biotite mineral separate. Radiogenic yields ($\%^{40}\text{Ar}^*$) are somewhat low for a high-K phase of this age, which may indicate some alteration is present. The high initial ages are likely caused by recoil of reactor-generated ^{39}Ar out of the biotite crystals, which based on $\%^{40}\text{Ar}^*$ could contain chlorite intergrowths that would result in a depleted layer near the surface of the crystals, the first material to outgas on step heating. Thus, initial ages from recoil affected samples are anomalously high. The possibility that the shape of this age spectrum is a result of excess argon in the sample cannot be confirmed, as no isochron is defined by these data. The overall concordant nature of the age spectrum and the observation that recoil artifacts are common in biotites, the plateau age (3.90 ± 0.04 Ma) is considered the most reliable for this sample.

The UP-8 biotite sample produced an age spectrum similar to the UP-4 biotite and is interpreted similarly. The total gas age for this sample is 3.94 ± 0.04 Ma. Steps 6-10 (69% of the ^{39}Ar released) define a slightly younger (statistically indistinguishable) plateau age of 3.86 ± 0.05 Ma. Steps 6-8 (57% of the ^{39}Ar released) define a statistically valid isochron, which yields

an age of 3.84 ± 0.06 Ma and an initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio of 301.0 ± 4.5 , indistinguishable from atmospheric argon at the 2σ uncertainty level. Although the isochron is defined by only 3 points, it is important that the isochron does not suggest excess argon is present. Ca/K ratios are initially high, and again with the final step, suggesting the presence of another mineral phase in this biotite separate. The affected steps account for $\sim 12\%$ of the total gas released. Radiogenic yields are somewhat low, suggesting some alteration may be present. Although all 3 ages are identical within 2σ uncertainties, the plateau age (3.86 ± 0.05 Ma) is considered the most reliable for this sample.

UP-7, a plagioclase separate, is characterized by a discordant age spectrum with high initial age of ~ 5.7 Ma, followed by steps of progressively decreasing age until step 7 (4.11 ± 0.07 Ma), and then progressively increasing ages to a final step at 7.1 Ma. The total gas age is 5.11 ± 0.05 Ma. There are no plateau or isochron ages defined by these data. Ca/K ratios are somewhat low and varied for a plagioclase, unless this is a very high-K plagioclase which is not consistent with petrographic observations. Radiogenic yields are as expected for a plagioclase of this age. However, the very low radiogenic yields in the final steps, which are generally of higher radiogenic yield, suggest some alteration of the mineral separate. The form of the age spectrum is distinctly U-shaped, suggesting excess argon is present, although this cannot be confirmed via an isochron. The most conservative interpretation in this case is to assume excess argon is present, and thus the youngest age on the age spectrum (step 7, 4.11 ± 0.07 Ma) is a maximum age for the sample. The age Ar-Ar age dates are consistent with outcrop observations at Silo Falls that welded tuffs (UP-4, 3.90 ± 0.04 Ma and UP-8, 3.84 ± 0.06 Ma) overlie lava flows (4.11 ± 0.07 Ma). Preliminary dating of a basalt from the Usun Apau plateau yields an Ar-Ar

age of 2.0-2.5 Ma (Taib, 2012) similar to the age of the basalts from the Linau Balui plateau (Taib, 2012).

5.3 Major and Trace Element Geochemistry: Table 2 summarizes the major and trace element analyses. Our sample set represents widespread coverage, albeit from a limited number of locations. Considering the difficult access to the interior highlands, this sample set must serve as a representative suite until future expeditions sample other areas. Samples from the Silio Falls on the southeastern side of the plateau present an excellent vertical succession. The Silio Falls samples straddle the dacite and andesite boundary on a plot of $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$ vs. SiO_2 and are similar to the adakites of the Sintang suite near Kuching (Figure 7). Two dacite samples from the northern area around Bukit Mabun (Figure 2) analyzed by Kirk (1957) are relatively enriched in the alkalis and plot in the trachyte field (Figure 7). The late-stage basalt to basaltic andesite dikes from the Usun Apau plot with the Linau Balui basalts (Figure 7; Taib, 2012). The major and trace element abundances vs. SiO_2 show the distinct groupings for samples from the different areas of the Usun Apau plateau; however intra-area compositional differences are narrow (Figures 8a and 8b). For example, UP81, higher in silica and presumably more evolved, is depleted in Zr relative to the Silio Falls dacites (Figure 8b). Samples from Bukit Mabun on the northern side of the plateau are enriched in alkalis, but depleted in magnesium, relative to the Silio Falls dacites (Figure 8a). An andesite (TN96) from the Tinjar area has elevated Rb, but low Zr concentrations, which imparts a unique signature relative to other samples (Figure 8b). All samples have relatively low Nb, Sc, and Y concentrations (Figure 8b).

The N-MORB normalized multi-element plots for the Linau Balui and Usun Apau samples show enrichment in large-ion-lithophile elements (LILE) and depletion in the high-field strength elements (HFSE) and the heavy rare earth elements (HREE); UA43 shows very strong

enrichment in LILE relative OIB (Figure 9). The Usun Apau basalts are more enriched in LILE the Linau Balui basalts; both are enriched in LILE relative to OIB. The more evolved samples show much stronger LILE enrichment, but similar depletion in HFSE and HREE. All samples show strong relative depletion in Nb and a modest positive Zr anomaly relative to Ti; the Usun Apau dacites show very strong depletion in Ti. Although such negative anomalies are commonly associated with island arc tholeites, the steep LILE to Nb trend is largely a reflection of LILE enrichment. Only two samples (UA43 and TN96) have $(\text{La/Nb})_n$ ratios >1 , although generally an indicator of a subduction signal, crustal contamination cannot be excluded. Overall, the volcanic rocks from both plateaus appear to be derived from a similar LILE-enriched OIB-like mantle source.

5.4 Isotope Geochemistry: The Usun Apau and Linau Balui samples display wide ranges in their radiogenic isotopic ratios, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (Figures 10 and 11; Table 3). Both sample suites show trends towards higher $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and lower $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ as a function of SiO_2 (Figure 10). Because such isotopic variations should not occur during fractional crystallization of magmas derived from similar source regions, the observed trends strongly indicate assimilation played a role in their differentiation, particularly the Usun Apau dacites. Strong inter-isotope correlations for the Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanics define arrays similar to those of the SSA basalts (Figure 11), which have been interpreted as the result of fractional crystallization coupled with assimilation of continental crust (Macpherson et al. 2010).

6.0 DISCUSSION

Our study of the volcanic rocks from the Usun Apau and Linau Balui areas reveals important information regarding a previously unknown part of central Borneo and fills an important data gap between the southern Sulu Arc and the Sintang Intrusives near Kuching. Specifically, we are able to address five important considerations: (1) age of magmatic activity, (2) nature of their source regions, (3) the nature of the subsurface crust via melt-crust interaction, (4) the relationship of Luconia to other crustal blocks, and (5) causes of volcanism.

6.1 Episodes of Volcanic Activity: The Usun Apau plateau records two short-lived episodes of volcanism. Eruption of andesitic to dacitic lavas and tuffs (4.11 ± 0.07 Ma and 3.90 ± 0.04 Ma), which form most of the plateau, was followed by a period of quiescence that ended with a very small volume of basaltic volcanism (*ca.* 2.0 Ma). The N-S alignment of light-colored elliptical tonal anomalies on the NE edge of the plateau (Figure 2, inset) may indicate recent geothermal activity. Although the basalts and more evolved rocks appear to form relatively coherent differentiation arrays (Figures 7 and 8a), several lines of evidence lead us to interpret these as two distinct magmatic episodes rather than eruption from a single stratified magma chamber. First and foremost, the more evolved rocks are distinctly older than the basalts. The similar timing of basaltic volcanism at the Usun Apau, Linau Balui, and Nankan plateaus (Figure 3) suggests that this activity is related to a younger more widespread episode. Moreover, several incompatible trace elements have trends opposite that predicted from fractional crystallization. For example, Nb decreases with decreasing MgO through the spectrum of basalt to dacite with different ages, but stays relatively constant within each suite (Figure 12a). For the Linau Balui basalts K/Nb, which should be relatively invariant, decreases with MgO (Figure 12a). We interpret Usun Apau volcanism as pulsed sampling of a single mantle source at *ca.* 4 and *ca.* 2 Ma. The earlier silicic phase of magmatism, more enriched in incompatible trace

elements (Figure 9), supplied a larger volume of melt to the surface producing an andesitic plateau capped by welded tuffs. The evolved character of this magmatism suggests that there was a period of prolonged differentiation at crustal levels. Basalts of the later phase did not experience a similar extent of differentiation, so may have ascended more rapidly to the surface.

6.2 Nature of Source Region: The basaltic rocks from Usun Apau and Linau Balui provide the best estimate of the nature of their mantle sources. The least evolved rocks show relatively smooth normalized trace element patterns that indicate an LILE-enriched OIB-like mantle region (Figure 9). Depletion of the heavy rare earth elements in the Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanics indicates the presence of garnet and/or amphibole in the source region. Relative to the amphibole-bearing Kuching adakites, the Usun Apau dacites are enriched in Rb (Figure 12c), but have a lower K/Rb (Figure 12d). The presence of pyroxene rather than amphibole as a phenocryst phase in the Usun Apau dacites coupled with their lower K/Rb ratios likely reflects the absence of buffering by amphibole, which preferentially retains Rb. The low concentrations of Ti and Nb (Figures 8 and 9) point to either rutile and/or ilmenite in the source region, or enrichment by metasomatic fluids depleted in the relatively insoluble HSFES. The absence of a negative Eu anomaly (Figure 9) and mildly elevated Sr/Y in the dacites (Figure 12b) are interpreted to reflect the lack of extensive plagioclase fractionation and/or its absence in the source region. Considering the stability fields for garnet, plagioclase, and amphibole (Green and Falloon, 2005; Stern, 2002), the trace element data suggest Usun Apau and Linau Balui parent magmas were derived from depths of at least 60km to 80km. The fact that the Usun Apau volcanics have an average Cr/Ni ratio (1.84) similar to that for primitive mantle, suggests equilibration of melt in the presence of mantle peridotite (Yogodzinski et al. 1995; Raap et al. 1999).

With the exception of UA43, a basalt, which stands out as anomalous, the MORB-normalized trace element data for the Linau Balui basalts, the Usun Apau basalts, and the Usun Apau dacites plot in sufficiently tight groupings that we have plotted the average for these groups along with trace element data from other areas (Figure 13). The Linau Balui and Usun Apau basalts resemble the Plio-Pleistocene basalts of the SSA, which suggests that the Usun Apau and Linau Balui basalts are derived from a mantle source similar to that invoked for Southern Sulu Arc by Macpherson et al. (2010). Higher LILE contents in Usun Apau volcanics indicate further enrichment of this source in highly incompatible elements. In the Usun Apau samples, increasing HFSE depletion with decreasing MgO (Figure 12a) suggests that this signature may have been acquired in the crust owing to interaction with a HSFE depleted contaminant (see section 6.3).

Macpherson et al. (2010) attributed the source of the SSA lavas to enrichment in the convecting mantle available over a wide region, from the Sulu Arc to Hainan Island (Figure 1), and proposed that the same mantle exists under central Borneo. We confirm this prediction is true at least as far southwest as Linau Balui. The Usun Apau basalts are more enriched in the most incompatible elements than the SSA lavas, suggesting that there may be subtle variations in the composition of this source. Alternatively, the Usun Apau and Linau Balui basalts may have originated from the same source through slightly smaller degrees of partial melting than experienced at the SSA. This would be consistent with the greater lithospheric thickness expected in southern Sarawak, compared to SSA, where Miocene subduction would have thinned the overriding plate, onto which the latter were ultimately erupted.

6.3 Differentiation: Mixing and Assimilation: As established in the previous section, the mafic lavas are probably related to a mantle component sampled by small degrees of partial

melting. As isotopic fractionation should not occur during fractional crystallization, the range of the isotope ratios in the Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanics provides unambiguous evidence that mixing of one or more components contributed to their evolution. Strong inter-isotope correlations indicate binary mixing. The fact that the Usun Apau and Linau Balui data plot in the same arrays as the SSA (Figure 11) is strong evidence that the magmas from these regions experienced similar evolutionary pathways with respect to source region and crustal assimilation.

In an attempt to constrain the origin of contamination in the SSA, Macpherson et al. (2010) employed assimilation with fractional crystallization (AFC) modeling (De Paolo, 1981). The SSA lavas are all basaltic or basaltic andesites, which restricts the amount of differentiation that can be accommodated in such models. Hence, viable contaminants require large isotopic differences from the uncontaminated melt. In practice, this meant a contaminant with very low $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and, therefore, of great age, such as the Archean age granite Macpherson et al. (2010) used to match the trends observed in the SSA. The situation is different for Usun Apau. Because the volcanic rocks there also include more evolved dacites, a greater amount of differentiation can be accommodated in AFC models which, in turn, decreases the amount of isotopic leverage required of the contaminant. Therefore, it is more difficult to constrain the isotopic composition of the contaminant or other parameters for the model e.g. bulk distribution coefficients or the extent of assimilation.

We used Linau Balui basalt LB64 as a possible uncontaminated composition to test possible AFC Models (Figure 14). LBA64 is considered suitable because, along with its lower silica and magnesium contents, it has the highest $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and lowest $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ in the area, with values that lie within the field of South China Sea basalts (Figure 11a). Because little is known about the composition of potential crustal contaminants in this part of Borneo, data were

compiled from a number of regional granitic belts that might offer approximate bulk crust compositions. Since each of these display a spread in isotopic compositions, samples that produced AFC models with the lowest $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ at low $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ were used because these, like the Southern Sulu Arc (Macpherson et al. 2010), provide the best fit to the Linau Balui – Usun Apau array. The one exception to this was for Triassic batholiths from the Malayan peninsula, for which two compositions were used which span the range of Nd isotopic ratios. Ratios of assimilation to crystallization (r) were varied between 0.15 and 0.3 but this has a negligible impact upon the conclusions reached by this modeling (Figure 14).

Proterozoic metamorphic rocks of the Kontum massif in Vietnam and Mesozoic crust similar to that of the South China margin, represented here by granitic rocks from Hong Kong and the Dangerous Grounds attenuated crust, would be unsuitable contaminants as even their lowest Nd isotopic values are too high for the required Sr signature (Figure 14b). Archean rocks, which Macpherson et al. (2010) postulated to lie beneath the Southern Sulu Arc, can reproduce the Linau Balui – Usun Apau array well (Figure 14a). An alternative contaminant, however, is provided by the Malay Triassic batholiths. Less than 50% crystallization of the Linau Balui basalt composition is required to generate the range of isotopic compositions in Usun Apau dacites if melts resembling these granites were assimilated. The combination of a modest amount of differentiation with modest values for r but of a silicic component could elevate SiO_2 contents into the dacites range (Fig. 14a). The Malay Triassic batholiths, which had protoliths of mid-Proterozoic crust (Liew and McCulloch, 1985), are associated with a world-class belt of tin mineralization. We highlight the tin-bearing granites at Long Laai, 250 km east of Usun Apau (Bambang and Le Bel, 1987; see Figure 3), as an intriguing occurrence indicating that similar crust may underlie parts of the Luconia block.

6.4 *Luconia's Relationship to Other Crustal Blocks*: Regardless of the choice of protolith, the isotopic data support the interpretation that differentiation of the Usun Apau, Linau Balui, and South Sulu Arc magmas included assimilation of relatively old continental crust. Macpherson et al. (2010) suggested that the Sulu Arc, the South China Sea region and its extended margins are underlain by a common OIB-like mantle source with Dupal-like characteristics (Tu et al. 1992), and that in some cases, depending on the ease of ascent through the overlying crust, the isotopic signature of that source is significantly altered by interaction with Precambrian continental crust. The OIB-like character of the Usun Apau and Linau-Balui basalts (Figure 9) coupled with the trace element and isotopic signatures of the regional data set (Figures 11 and 13) strongly suggests that similar lithosphere extends beyond the Tinjar Line and underlies the Luconia block. The Linhaisai minettes in Kalimantan, interpreted as derived from subcontinental lithosphere (Bergman et al. 1988), and tin-bearing granites at Long Laai having a $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of 0.7048 (Hutchison, 2010) further extends the potential geographic extent of this continental basement (Figure 3). Thus, although the tectonic models generally treat the Borneo region as comprised of multiple lithospheric blocks, it appears likely that the Greater Dangerous Grounds, including the Luconia block and the Palawan micro-continent, represent lithospheric fragments that share a distant Southeast Asian ancestry.

6.5 *Causes of Volcanism*: Intra-plate Plio-Pleistocene volcanic activity in the greater South China Sea region poses an interesting question. How can such regional activity be represented by widely scattered relatively small volumes of magma erupted in abrupt short-lived pulses that appear to ultimately share a similar mantle source? We do not have a clear answer to this question, but make some observations that point to several possibilities. Hainan Island is underlain by a deep mantle plume that may represent melting of an EM2 mantle source (Zou and

Fan, 2010), whereas the Scarborough Seamounts appear to be related to paleo-transform faults of the South China Sea spreading system. Borneo's interior volcanic tablelands, including the Usun Apau and Linau Balui plateaus, are largely restricted to the region SW of the Tinjar Line (Figure 3), which is consistent with tectonic model that treat Luconia as a discrete lithospheric block. With the exception of the Usun Apau calderas, which lie along the projection of faults that mark the edge of Dulit plateau (Figure 2), the Tinjar Line does not appear to directly control the locus of the volcanic activity. The varied settings for Pliocene volcanism point towards a deep seated mechanism. Recent studies of shear wave velocity anisotropy in the region's upper mantle and lower crust show that there are distinct areas with strong lateral gradients that persist vertically for more than 200 km (Wu et al. 2005). Whilst these steep-sided lateral velocity gradients could reflect temperature differences, we consider differences in volatile content related to dehydration of an old deeply subducted slab to be a plausible complicating factor that is consistent with the trace element geochemistry of the Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanics. Regardless of their ultimate origin, once primary melts are generated regional differences in lithospheric thickness, as well as deeply rooted faults, related the region's protracted and complex tectonic history influence further differentiation by controlling routes and rates of ascent.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

- ^{39}Ar - ^{40}Ar age determinations show that two distinct pulses of volcanism are represented. The Usun Apau dacites erupted at *ca.* 4.0 Ma; the Linau Balui and Usun Apau basalts erupted at *ca.* 2.0 Ma.
- The Usun Apau and Linau Balui volcanic suites are the product of small percentage melting of an LILE-enriched, OIB-like, garnet-bearing mantle possibly modified by fluids related to much older subduction.

- Volcanic rocks from the Usun Apau and Linau Balui plateaus have isotopic signatures indicating assimilation of relatively old continental crust.
- AFC modeling shows the Usun Apau dacites could be the product of fractional crystallization coupled with assimilation of continental crust similar to the tin-bearing Triassic Malay granites.
- The Tinjar Line does not appear to have played a direct role in magma genesis, but may have localized emplacement by providing a route of ascent for the dacites.
- The Linau Balui and Usun Apau volcanics share radiogenic isotopic similarities not only with the Southern Sulu Arc basalts, but also with other Pliocene basalts in the greater SCS region. Thus, Luconia, the Dangerous Grounds, and the Palawan microplate appear to represent crustal fragments that may ultimately share a Southeast Asian ancestry.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1 1a) Maps showing location of study area in relation principal tectonic component of the Borneo region. Abbreviation: BD- Baram Delta, BL-Balabac Line, CS- Celebes Sea, DGs- Dangerous Grounds, HI- Hainan Island, KAL- Kalimantan, KM- Kontum Massif, KU- Kuching, LB- Linau-Balui plateau, LUB- Luconia Block, LL-Lupar Line, MK- Mount Kinabalu, MT- Manila trench, NWBT- Northwest Borneo Trough with limit of deepwater fold-thrust belt in dashed line with open triangles, RB-Reed Bank, RJD- Rajang Delta, SCS- South China Sea with oceanic crust outline in gray dashed line and 200m isobaths in dotted line, SA- Sulu Arc, SAB- Sabah, SM- Schwaner Mountains, SS-Sulu Sea, SSA- Southern Sulu Arc SWB- Southwest Borneo Block, SWK- Sarawak, UP- Usun Apau, WBL- West Baram Line; strongly deformed Paleogene flysch of Borneo highlands shown as gray shaded areas. Question marks (?) highlight areas of uncertain relationships. 1b- Schematic illustration of NW Borneo region's crustal blocks and tectonic setting circa 35 Ma: abbreviations as before; NBPB- North Borneo Palawan Blocks, SPB- South Palawan Block. Lines with solid triangles denote upper plate of suture zones. (Longley, 1996; Hall, 1997; Morley, 2002, Hall et al. 2009)

Figure 2 Geological features of the Usun Apau area: Topographic relief map as background, volcanic plateau in light gray with sample locations posted, fold axes of strongly deformed Paleogene deepwater clastic rocks in dashed black lines. Dashed grey lines and (f) mark faults that bound the NE edge of the Dulit plateau approximately 20km northwest of the Usun Apau plateau. Inset is a Google Earth image of eastern side of plateau.

Figure 3 Map showing distribution and age of Cenozoic igneous rocks in relation to tectonic elements discussed in text. Abbreviations as before and those shown in legend. Open triangles

728 show the different ages of position of subduction tip line in the different tectonic reconstructions
729 of Hall (2002 and 2009).

730 Figure 4 Outcrop photo at Silio Falls (ca. 200m) shows contact between crudely jointed lava
731 flows (UP-D) and overlying welded tuffs (UP-WT).

732 Figure 5 Photomicrographs of Usun Apau volcanic rocks. 5a) polarized light, welded tuff with
733 embayed quartz xenocryst(Q) in glassy ground mass with exquisite flow patterns with euhedral
734 hypersthene phenocryst (H); 5b) cross-polarized light, welded tuff, quartz xenocryst with fine
735 rutile inclusions (R); 5c) polarized light, oscillatory-zoned Carlsbad twinned plagioclase
736 phenocryst; 5d) plain light, trachytic plagioclase laths in fine-grained groundmass

737 Figure 6 Plot of Ar-Ar age as a function of % ^{39}Ar released during stepwise heating for 3 mineral
738 separate samples.

739 Figure 7 Total alkali silica classification (Le Bas and Streikeisen, 1982) of samples from Linau
740 Balui and Usun Apau plateaus plotted with data from the Sintang suite near Kuching (Prouteau
741 et al. 2001), Linhaisai minettes (Bergman et al. 1987), Southern Sulu Arc (Macpherson et al.
742 2010), and Bukit Mersing (Taib, 2010).

743 Figure 8 Plot of major and trace element data for the Usun Apau and Linau-Balui volcanics; TN,
744 Tinjar; BM Bukit Mabun. 8a) Selected major elements versus SiO_2 . 8b) Selected trace elements
745 versus wt. % SiO_2

746 Figure 9 Normalized Rock/ N-MORB plot for selected trace elements comparing Usun Apau
747 and Linau Balui; N-MORB and OIB from Sun and McDonough (1989); Island Arc Basalt- IAB
748 (Elliott, 2003).

749 Figure 10 Plots of 12a) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ vs. SiO_2 and 12b) $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ vs. SiO_2 for the Usun Apau and
 750 Linau Balui volcanics
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 752 Figure 11 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ isotopic data from Usun
 753 Apau, Linau Balui, and Tinar Line plotted with data from other Cenozoic igneous rocks from the
 754 greater SCS region: DG- Dangerous Grounds (Yan et al. 2010; Yan et al. 2010), Bukit Mersing
 755 Taib (2012), shaded polygons for the Northern & Central Sulu Arc and Hainan Island & South
 756 China Sea (Macpherson et al. 2010 and references therein); NHRL, Northern Hemisphere
 757 Reference Line (Hart, 1984); I-MORB Indian Ocean MORB (GERM: <http://earthref.org/GERM>)
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 759 Figure 12 Trace element plots comparing Usun Apau (UP) and Linau Balui (LB) samples with
 760 other igneous rocks from NW Borneo (Prouteau et al. 2001; Macpherson et al. 2010). 10a) Nb
 761 vs. wt% MgO, 10b) Sr/Y vs. Y discrimination diagram (Defant and Drummond, 1990), 10c) ppm
 762 Rb vs. wt % SiO_2 , 11d) K/Rb vs. wt % SiO_2
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 764 Figure 13 Averaged normalized Rock/ N-MORB plot for selected trace elements comparing the
 765 Usun Apau and Linau Balui plateaus with areas previously discussed and referenced in figures
 766 11 and 12.
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 768 Figure 14 Assimilation fractional crystallization models. $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ versus $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ for
 769 volcanic rocks from Usun Apau (squares) and Linau Balui (circles). Lines represent assimilation
 770 and fractional crystallization models (DePaolo, 1981) of (a) suitable, and (b) unsuitable
 771 contaminants to generate the Usun Apau – Linau Balui array. Initial basalt is Linau Balui basalt

771 (LBA64; this work) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.704100$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512879$, Sr = 289 ppm, Nd = 13 ppm.
 772 In all models, $D_{\text{Sr}} = 1.5$ and $D_{\text{Nd}} = 0.1$. Contaminant compositions are Triassic batholiths of the
 773 East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, samples 93 and 106 (Liew and McCulloch 1985); $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} =$
 774 0.706760 and 0.811870 , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.5116300$ and 0.511490 , Sr = 31 and 719 ppm, Nd = 28
 775 and 35 ppm; Archean crust, Beartooth Mountains, USA (Wooden and Mueller 1988) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} =$
 776 0.724600 , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.510250$, Sr = 400ppm, Nd = 43 ppm; Archean migmatite, Lofoten-
 777 Verterålen, Norway (Jacobsen and Wasserburg 1978) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.708900$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} =$
 778 0.510410 , Sr = 573 ppm, Nd = 29ppm; Metamorphic rocks of the Kontum Massif, Vietnam
 779 (Lan, Chung et al. 2003) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.706210$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512323$, Sr = 848ppm, Nd =
 780 16ppm; Dangerous Grounds attenuated crust (Yan, Shi et al. 2010) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.711624$,
 781 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512030$, Sr = 470 ppm, Nd = 33 ppm. Granitic rocks from Hong Kong
 782 (Darbyshire and Sewell 1997) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.711491$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512344$, Sr = 271 ppm, Nd
 783 = 41 ppm. Two curves are shown for each contaminant representing different values for r ; the
 784 ratio of mass assimilated to mass crystallized. Except for the Malay Batholiths the end members
 785 are the same with $r = 0.15$ for the higher- $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ model and $r = 0.3$ for the lower-
 786 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ model. The Malay Batholith models are for different contaminants ($r = 0.3$ and 0.15 ,
 787 respectively for the pairs of values listed above). Models run cover range of F ; fraction of liquid
 788 remaining, from 1 – 0.1. F values are indicated on Malay Batholith models decreasing in 0.1
 789 increments.

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792 TABLE CAPTIONS

Table 1 Results of ^{39}Ar - ^{40}Ar Age Determinations

Table 2 Major and Trace Element Analyses: Major element oxides normalized to 100% on a volatile-free basis.

Table 3 Radiogenic Isotope Analyses

APPENDIX A: ANALYTICAL METHODS

Age Determinations: Radiometric age determinations were analyzed by the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ method at the Nevada Isotope Geochronology Laboratory (University of Nevada Las Vegas). Samples were wrapped in Al foil and stacked in 6 mm inside diameter sealed fused silica tubes. Individual packets averaged 3 mm thick and neutron fluence monitors (FC-2, Fish Canyon Tuff sanidine) were placed every 5-10 mm along the tube. Synthetic K-glass and optical grade CaF_2 were included in the irradiation packages to monitor neutron induced argon interferences from K and Ca. Loaded tubes were packed in an Al container and irradiated at the U. S. Geological Survey TRIGA Reactor, Denver, CO in the In-Core Irradiation Tube (ICIT) of the 1 MW TRIGA type reactor. Correction factors for interfering neutron reactions on K and Ca were determined by repeated analysis of K-glass and CaF_2 fragments. Measured $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar})_{\text{K}}$ values were $1.48 (\pm 79.07\%) \times 10^{-2}$. Ca correction factors were $(^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar})_{\text{Ca}} = 2.60 (\pm 3.15\%) \times 10^{-4}$ and $(^{39}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar})_{\text{Ca}} = 6.70 (\pm 1.70\%) \times 10^{-4}$. J factors were determined by fusion of 4-8 individual crystals of neutron fluence monitors which gave reproducibility's of 0.25% to 0.48% at each standard position. Variation in neutron fluence along the 100 mm length of the irradiation tubes was <4%. Matlab curve fit was used to determine J and uncertainty in J at each standard position. No significant neutron fluence gradients were present within individual packets of crystals as indicated by the excellent reproducibility of the single crystal fluence monitor fusions.

815 Irradiated FC-2 sanidine standards together with CaF₂ and K-glass fragments were placed
816 in a Cu sample tray in a high vacuum extraction line and were fused using a 20 W CO₂ laser.
817 Sample viewing during laser fusion was by a video camera system and positioning was via a
818 motorized sample stage. Samples analyzed by the furnace step heating method utilized a double
819 vacuum resistance furnace similar to the Staudacher et al. (1978) design. Reactive gases were
820 removed by three GP-50 SAES getters prior to being admitted to a MAP 215-50 mass
821 spectrometer by expansion. The relative volumes of the extraction line and mass spectrometer
822 allow 80% of the gas to be admitted to the mass spectrometer for laser fusion analyses and 76%
823 for furnace heating analyses. Peak intensities were measured using a Balzers electron multiplier
824 by peak hopping through 7 cycles; initial peak heights were determined by linear regression to
825 the time of gas admission. Mass spectrometer discrimination and sensitivity was monitored by
826 repeated analysis of atmospheric argon aliquots from an on-line pipette system. Measured
827 ⁴⁰Ar/³⁶Ar ratios were 283.23 ± 0.20% during this work, thus a discrimination correction of
828 1.0433 (4 AMU) was applied to measured isotope ratios. The sensitivity of the mass
829 spectrometer was ~6 x 10⁻¹⁷ mol mV⁻¹ with the multiplier operated at a gain of 36 over the
830 Faraday. Line blanks averaged 26.20 mV for mass 40 and 0.02 mV for mass 36 for laser fusion
831 analyses and 24.32 mV for mass 40 and 0.08 mV for mass 36 for furnace heating analyses.
832 Discrimination, sensitivity, and blanks were relatively constant over the period of data collection.
833 Computer automated operation of the sample stage, laser, extraction line and mass spectrometer
834 as well as final data reduction and age calculations were done using LabSPEC software written
835 by B. Idleman (Lehigh University). An age of 28.02 Ma (Renne et al. 1988) was used for the
836 Fish Canyon Tuff sanidine fluence monitor in calculating ages for samples.

For $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analyses a plateau segment consists of 3 or more contiguous gas fractions having analytically indistinguishable ages (i.e. all plateau steps overlap in age at $\pm 2\sigma$ analytical error) and comprising a significant portion of the total gas released (typically >50%). Total gas (integrated) ages are calculated by weighting by the amount of ^{39}Ar released, whereas plateau ages are weighted by the inverse of the variance. For each sample inverse isochron diagrams are examined to check for the effects of excess argon. Reliable isochrons are based on the MSWD criteria of Wendt and Carl (1991) and, as for plateaus, must comprise contiguous steps and a significant fraction of the total gas released. All analytical data are reported at the confidence level of 1σ (standard deviation). Furnace step heating analyses produce an apparent age spectrum. The "apparent" derives from the fact that ages on an age spectrum plot are calculated assuming that the non-radiogenic argon (trapped initial argon) is atmospheric in isotopic composition ($^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar} = 295.5$). Isochrons can verify (or rule out) excess argon, and isochron ages are usually preferred if a statistically valid regression is obtained. If there is excess argon in the sample ($^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar} > 295.5$) then these apparent ages will be older than the actual age of the sample. U-shaped age spectra are commonly associated with excess argon (the first few and final few steps often have lower radiogenic yields, thus apparent ages calculated for these steps are affected more by any excess argon present). When such a sample yields no reliable isochron, the youngest measured age provides a maximum estimate for the age of the sample. Plateau ages are simply a segment of the age spectrum which consists of 3 or more steps, comprising >50% of the total gas released. An isochron age is the best estimate of the age of a sample, even if a plateau age is obtained. $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$. Total gas ages are equivalent to K/Ar ages determined by older analytical methods.

859 **Major and Trace Elements:** KL49, UA14, AN35, UA52, UP3, UP4, UP5, UP6, UP7, UP8 and
 860 UP9 were analyzed for major elements by X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy (XRF) at the
 861 Geoanalytical Lab at Washington State University, United States,, using the low-dilution fused
 862 bead method described in Johnson et al. (1999). UA81, UA43, Tn96 and LBA64, LBA84 and
 863 LBA98 were analyzed for major elements using a Pan-Analytical Axios Max WD-RXF at
 864 University of Malaya, Malaysia, using 1:9 dilution fused beads with a lithium tetraborate flux
 865 (Fluxana FX-X100). Powdered samples were heated at 950 degrees C to determine Loss on
 866 Ignition values, after which they were mixed with flux in platinum crucibles and fused over a
 867 propane-oxygen flame in a HD Elektronik Vulcan automatic fusion machine. After an automated
 868 cycle of heating and agitation, the molten charge was poured onto heated platinum moulds to
 869 produce 32mm buttons. Calibration used nine USGS rock standards prepared in the same way as
 870 the samples. These samples were also analyzed for trace elements using a Thermo Scientific -
 871 XSeries II ICP-MS at the *Vrije Universiteit*, Amsterdam

 872 The UP samples trace elements were also measured by XRF; precision was determined by
 873 triplicate analysis of separate glass beads prepared from sample of Galapagos basalt, run at the
 874 same time as the Usun Apau samples. The relative standard deviation on the triplicate analyses is
 875 <1% except for FeO_t(2.0%), K₂O (1.1%), and Na₂O (2.6%). Samples KL49, UA14, AN35,
 876 UA52 were analyzed for trace elements, including rare earth elements, by Inductively Coupled
 877 Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS); methods and standards can be found at
 878 <http://www.sees.wsu.edu/Geolab/note/icpms.html>.

 879 **Radiogenic Isotopes:** UA81, UA43, Tn96, LBA64, LBA84, and LBA98 were analyzed for Pb,
 880 Nd and Sr isotopes at the *Vrije Universiteit*, Amsterdam, using ultra-clean dissolution in teflon
 881 beakers and ion-exchange resin columns. Sr isotopes were measured using TIMS (Finnigan

882 MAT 262) and Pb and Nd isotopes were measured using a Finnigan Neptune multi-collector
883 ICP-MS. BHVO-2 and BCR-2 were used as internal check standards for trace and isotope
884 analyses. The UP samples were analysed for Sr, Nd and Pb isotopes at Northern Centre for
885 Isotopic and Elemental Tracing, Durham University, United Kingdom. Isotope ratios in the
886 fractions for Sr, Nd and Pb were measured using the ThermoElectron Neptune PIMMS (Plasma
887 Ionisation Multi-collector Mass Spectrometer). Details of operating procedures and instrument
888 configuration are given in Mcleod (2012). Measured values for the NBS 987 Sr and J&M Nd
889 standards $\pm 2SD$ error obtained during the same runs as the UP samples were 0.710269 ± 0.000028
890 ($n=11$) and 0.511112 ± 0.000008 ($n=15$), respectively. The NBS 981 Pb standard gave ratios
891 averaging 16.94051 ± 0.000906 for $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, 15.49800 ± 0.000754 for $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and
892 36.71744 ± 0.002327 for $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$

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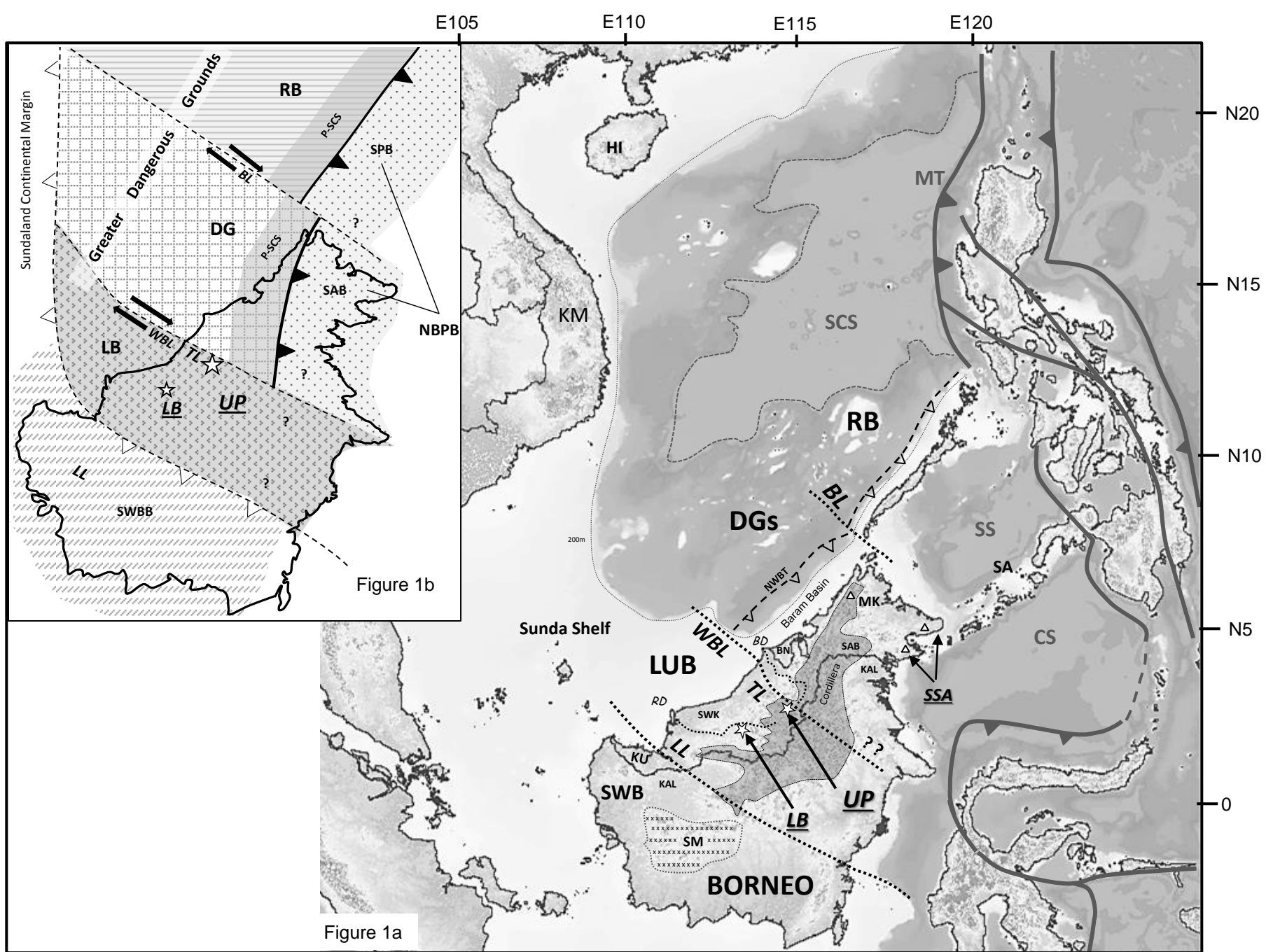


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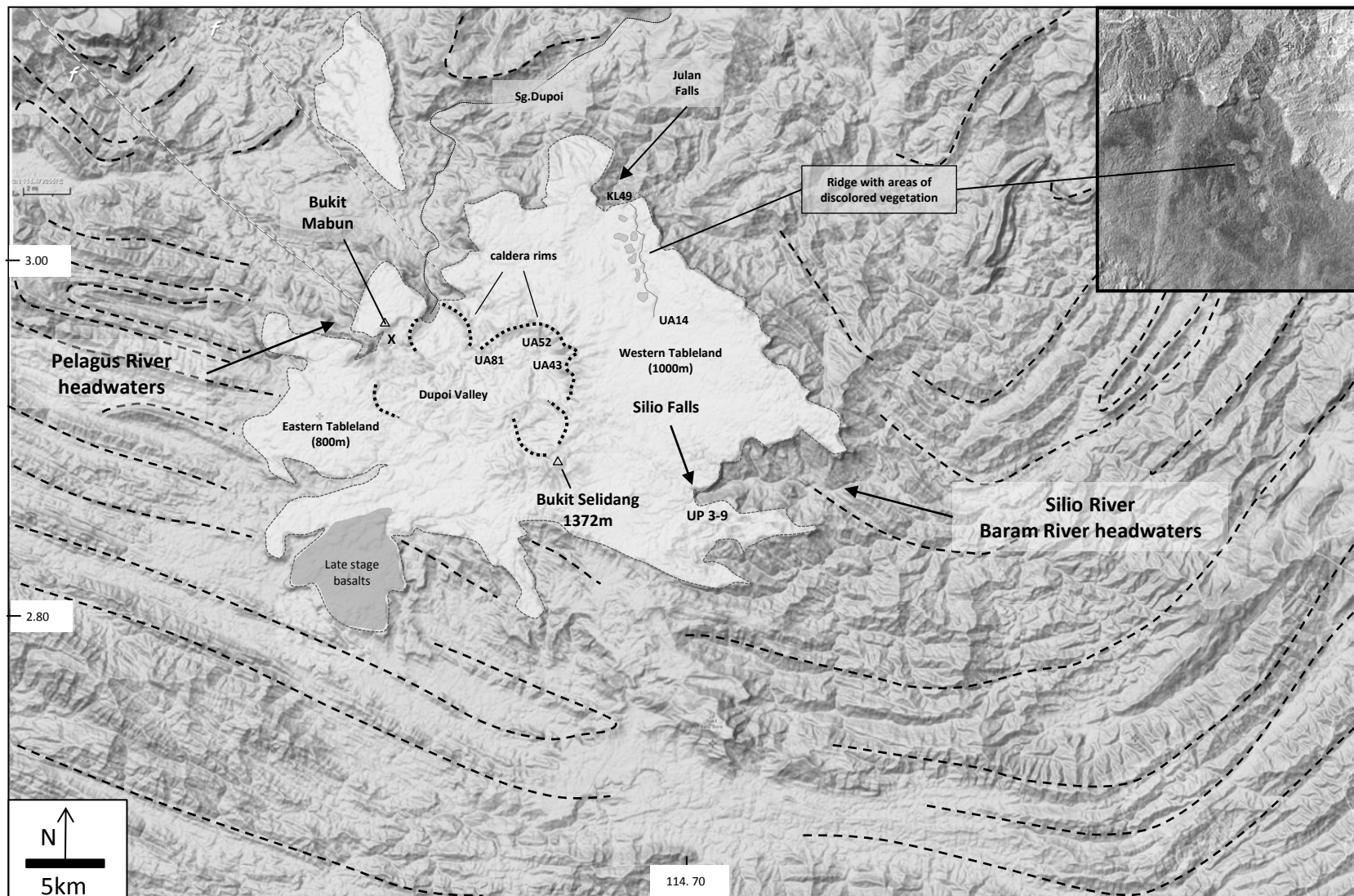


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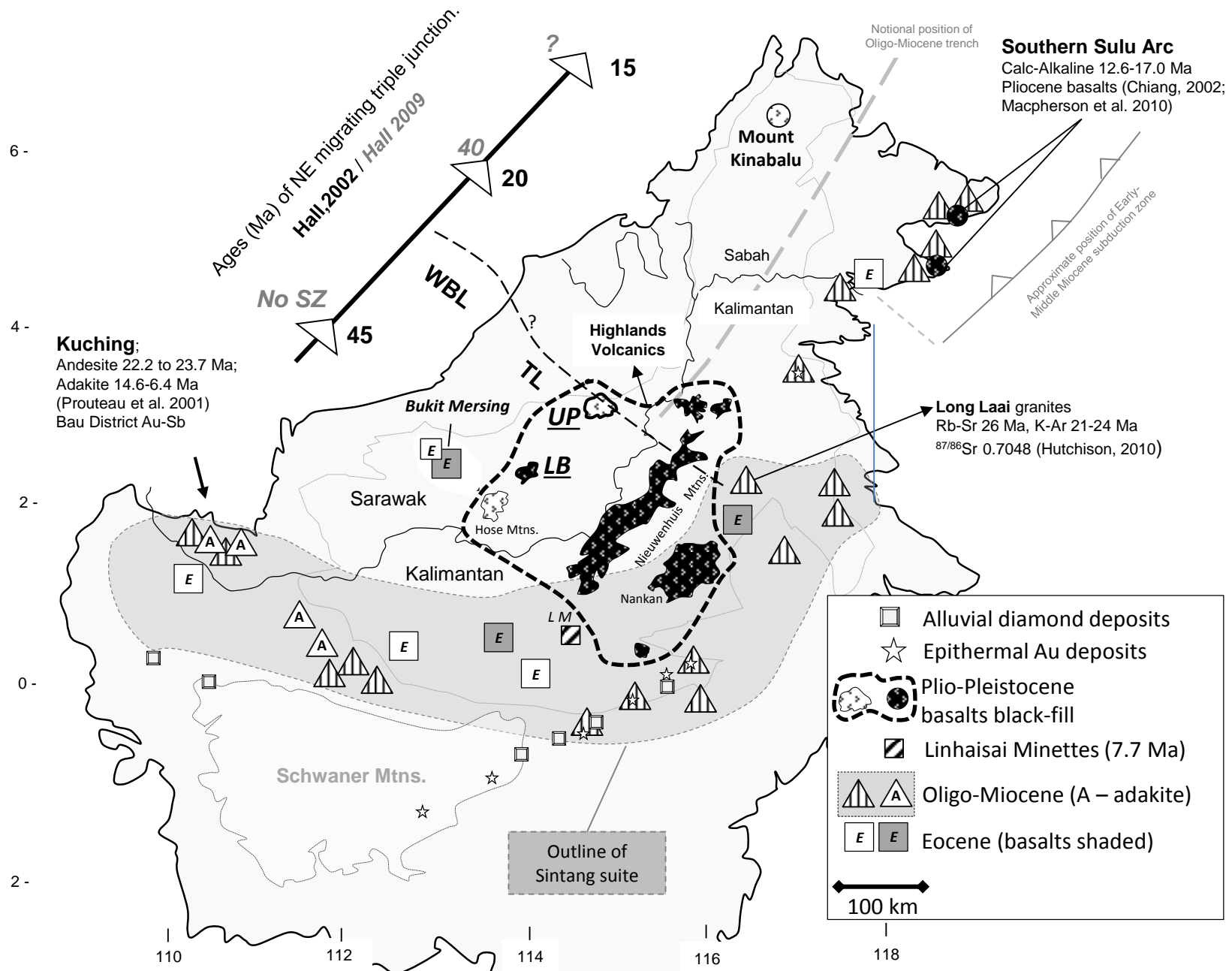


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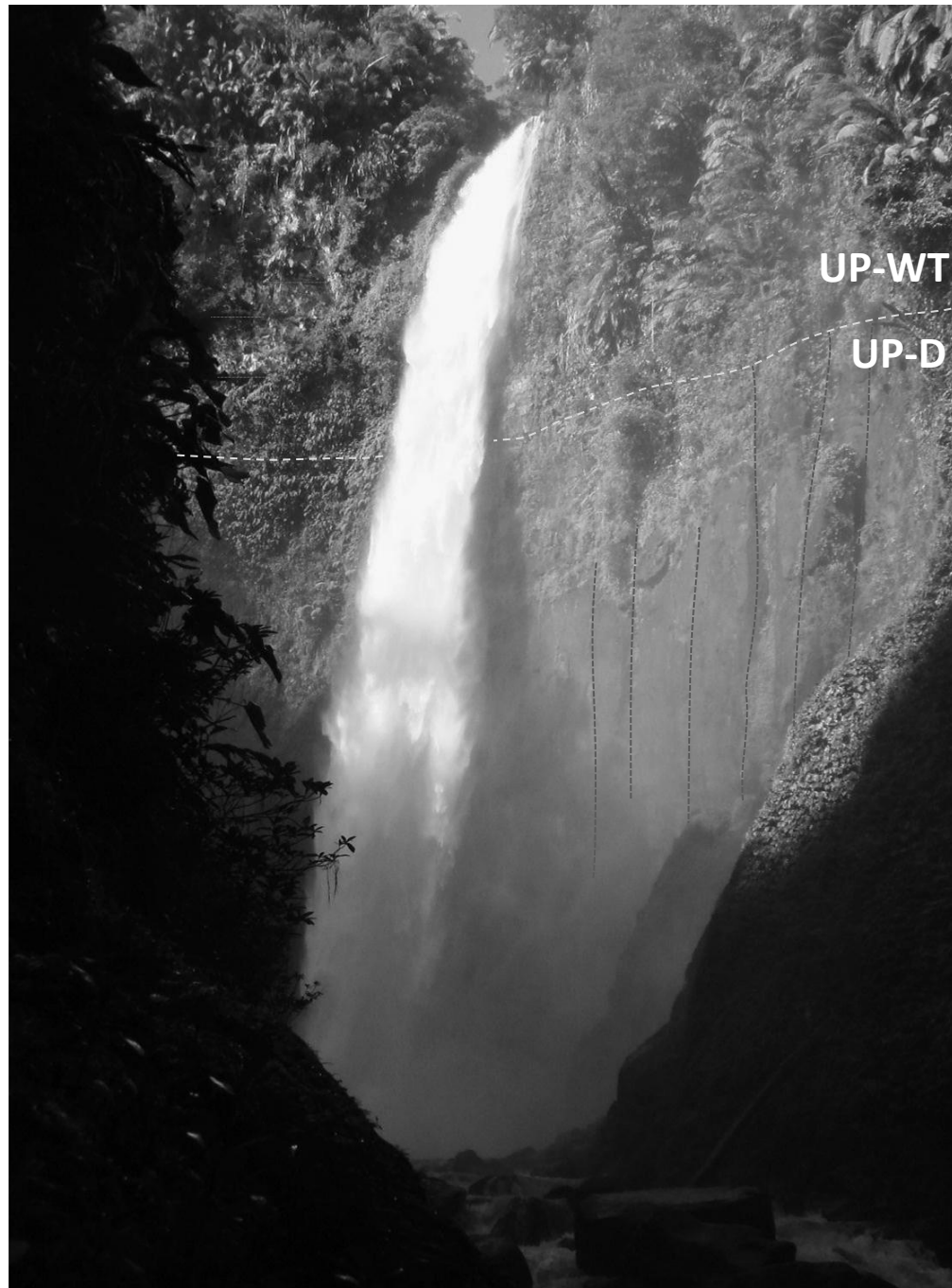


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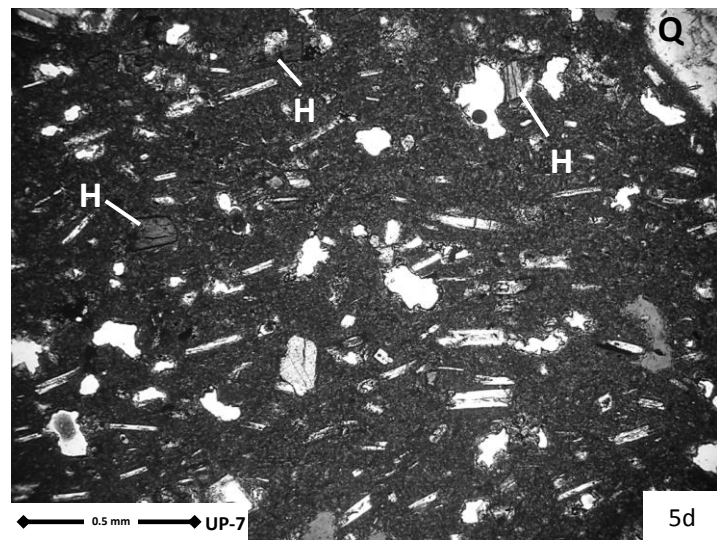
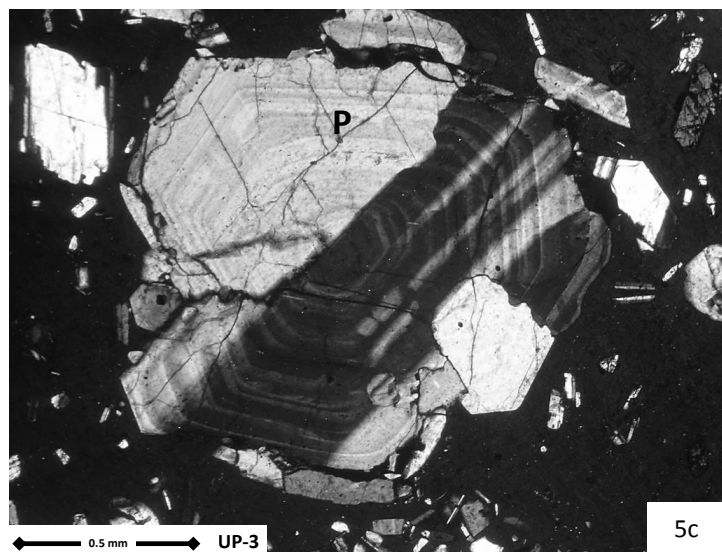
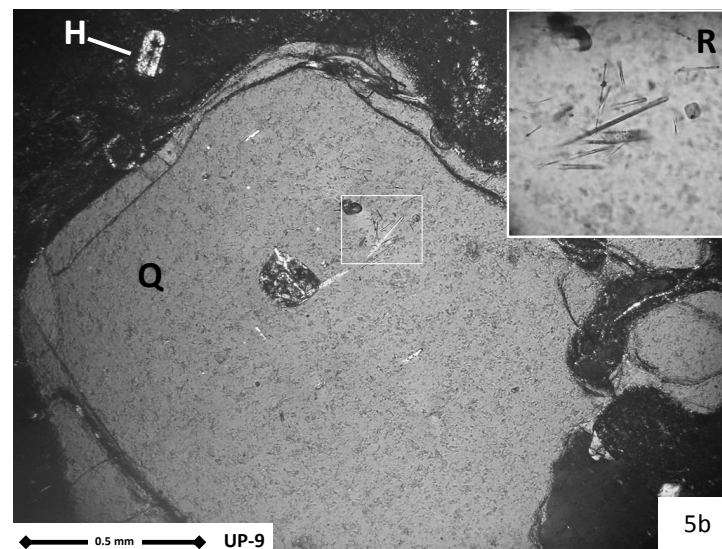
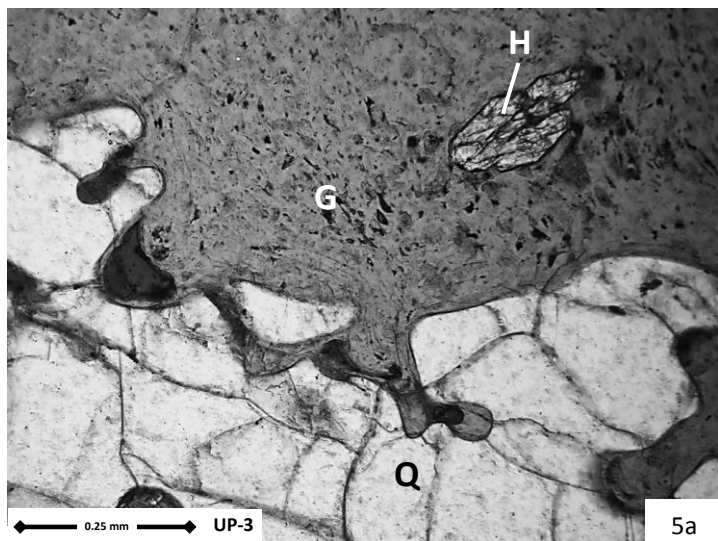


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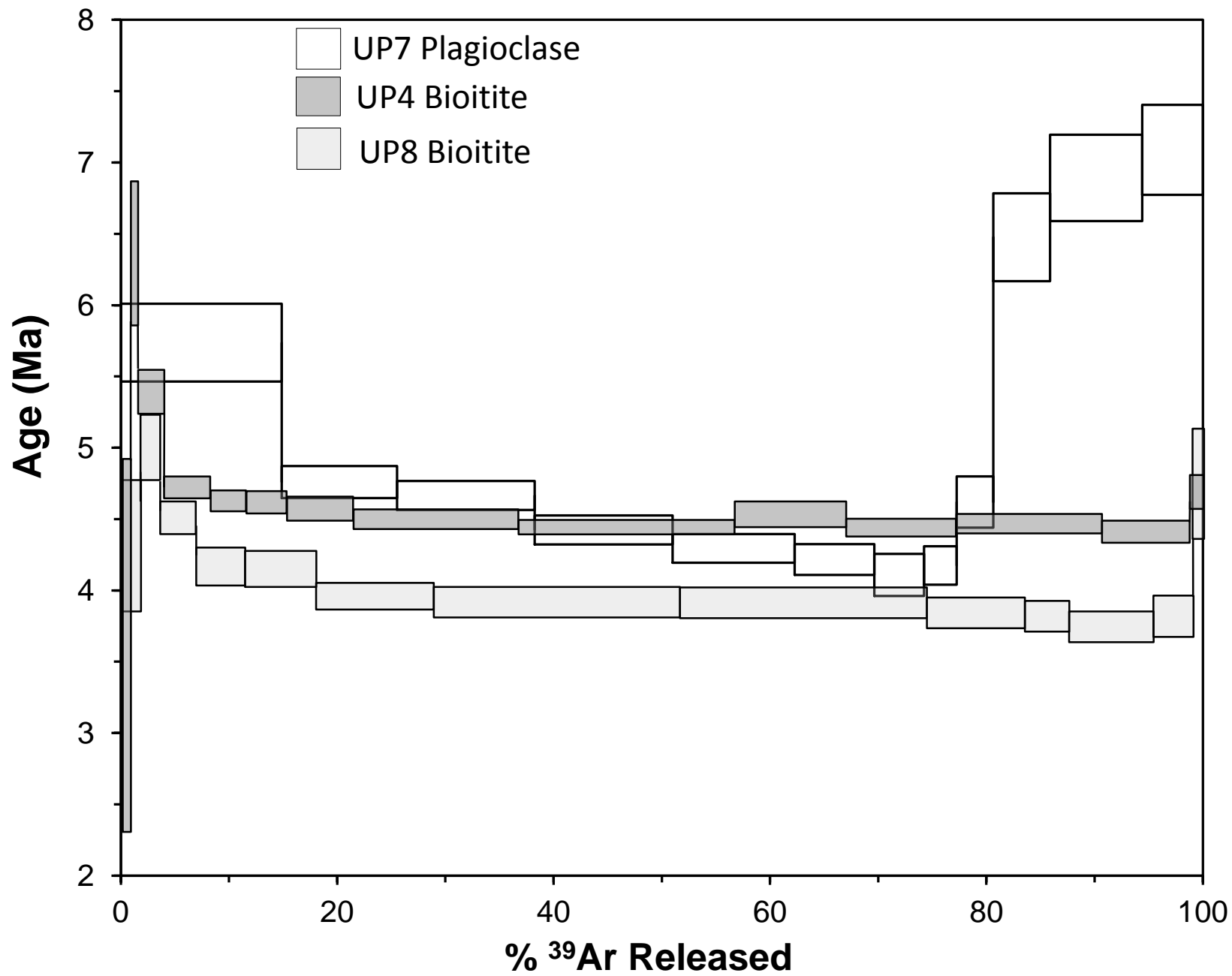


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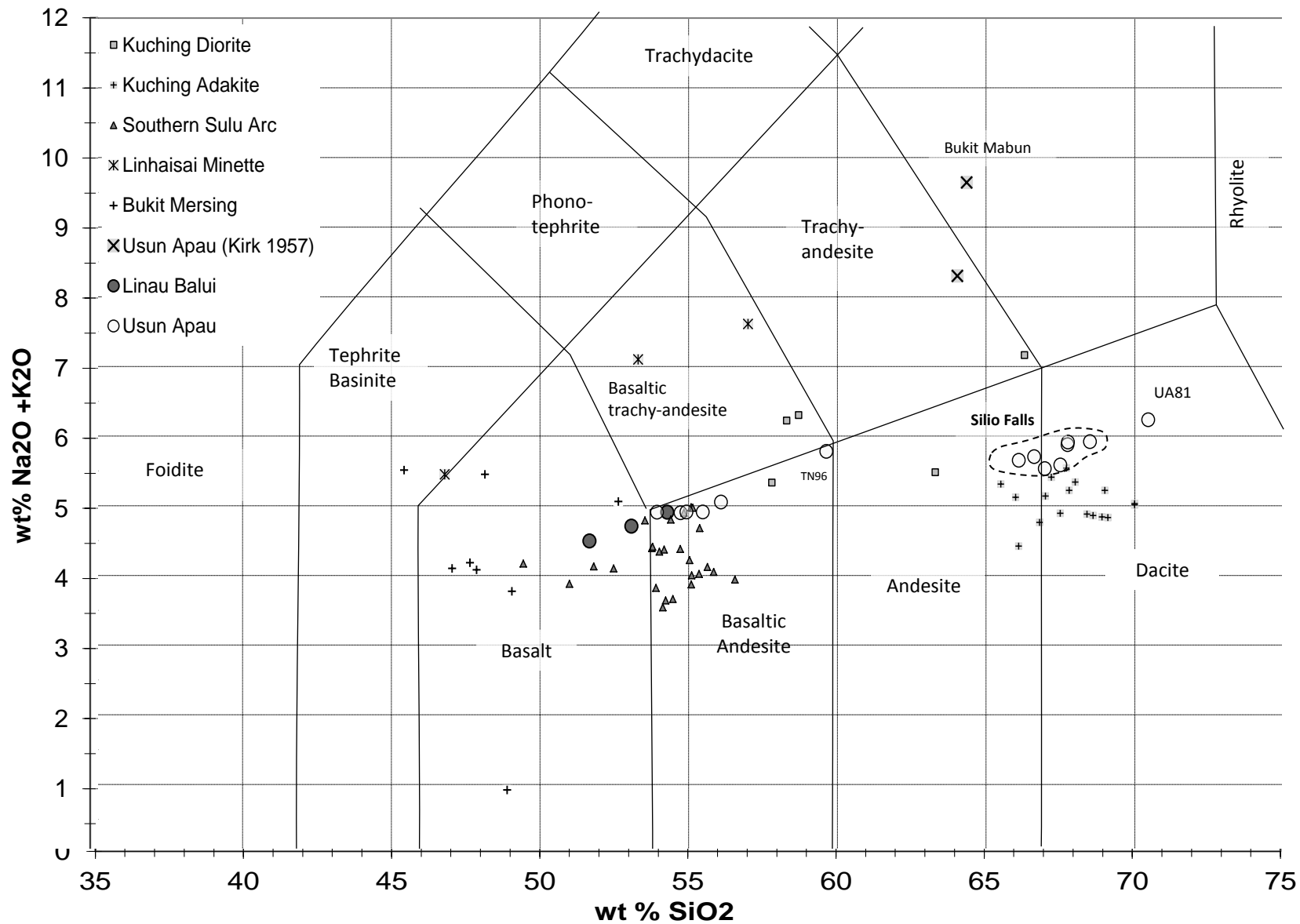


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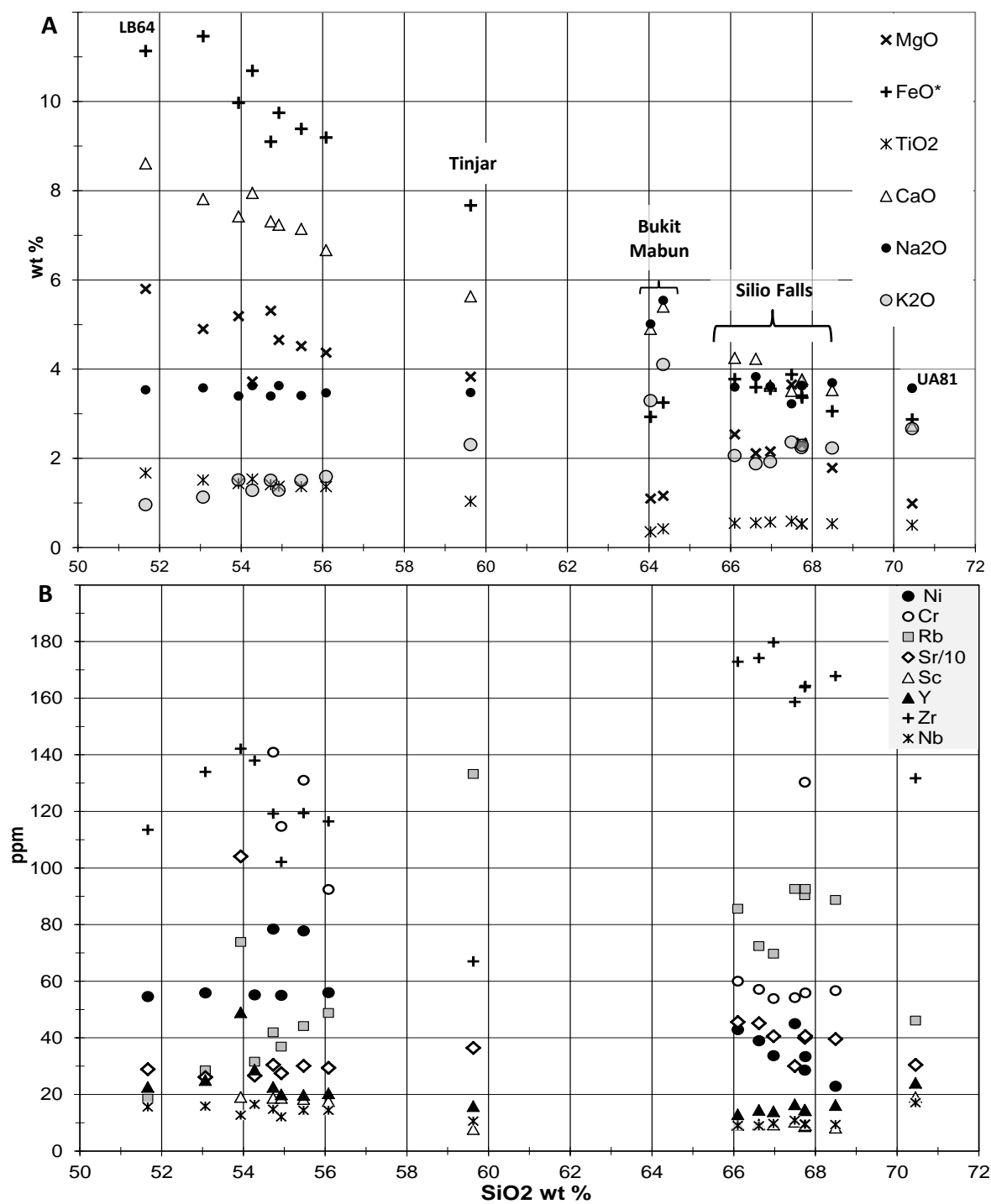


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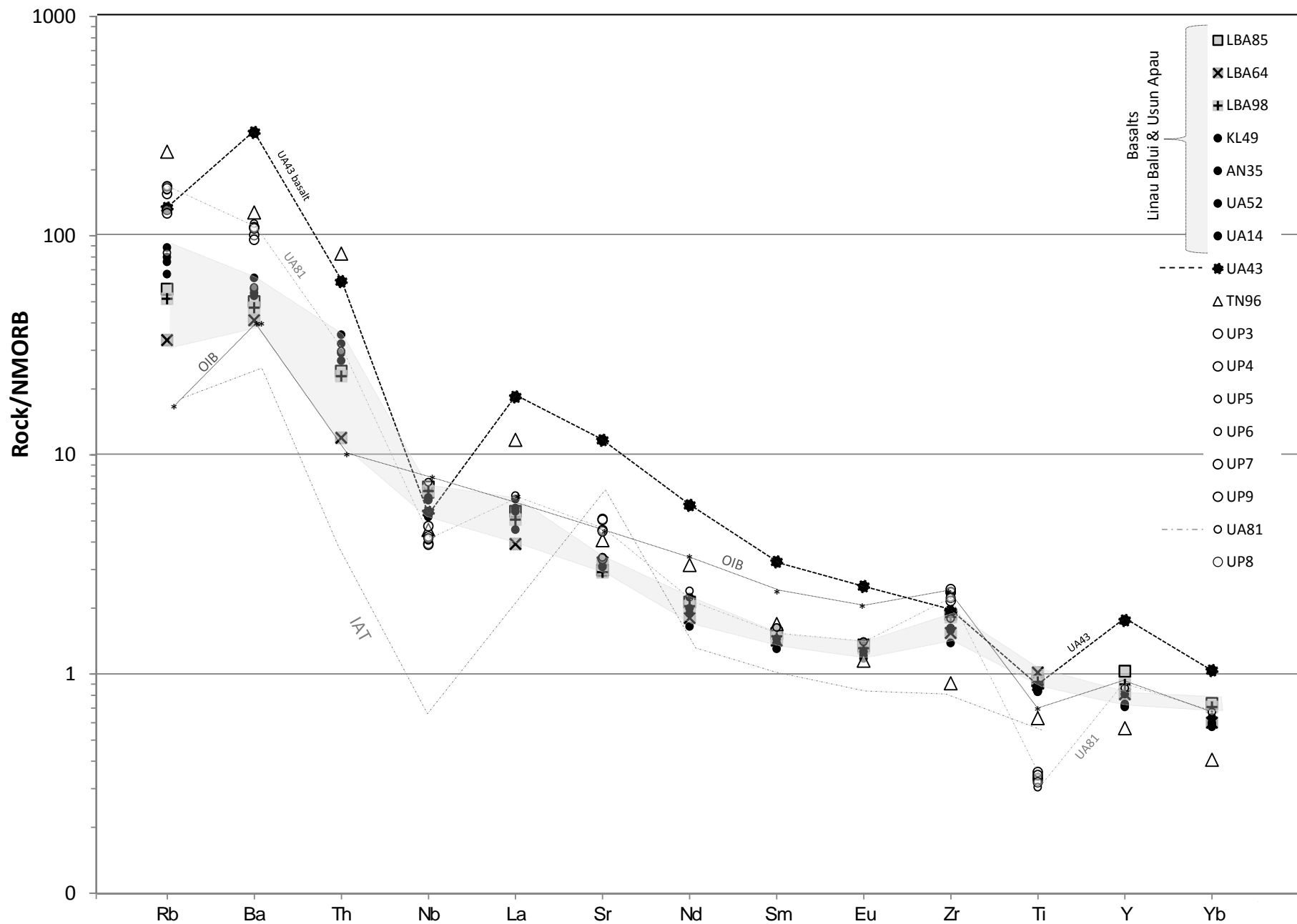


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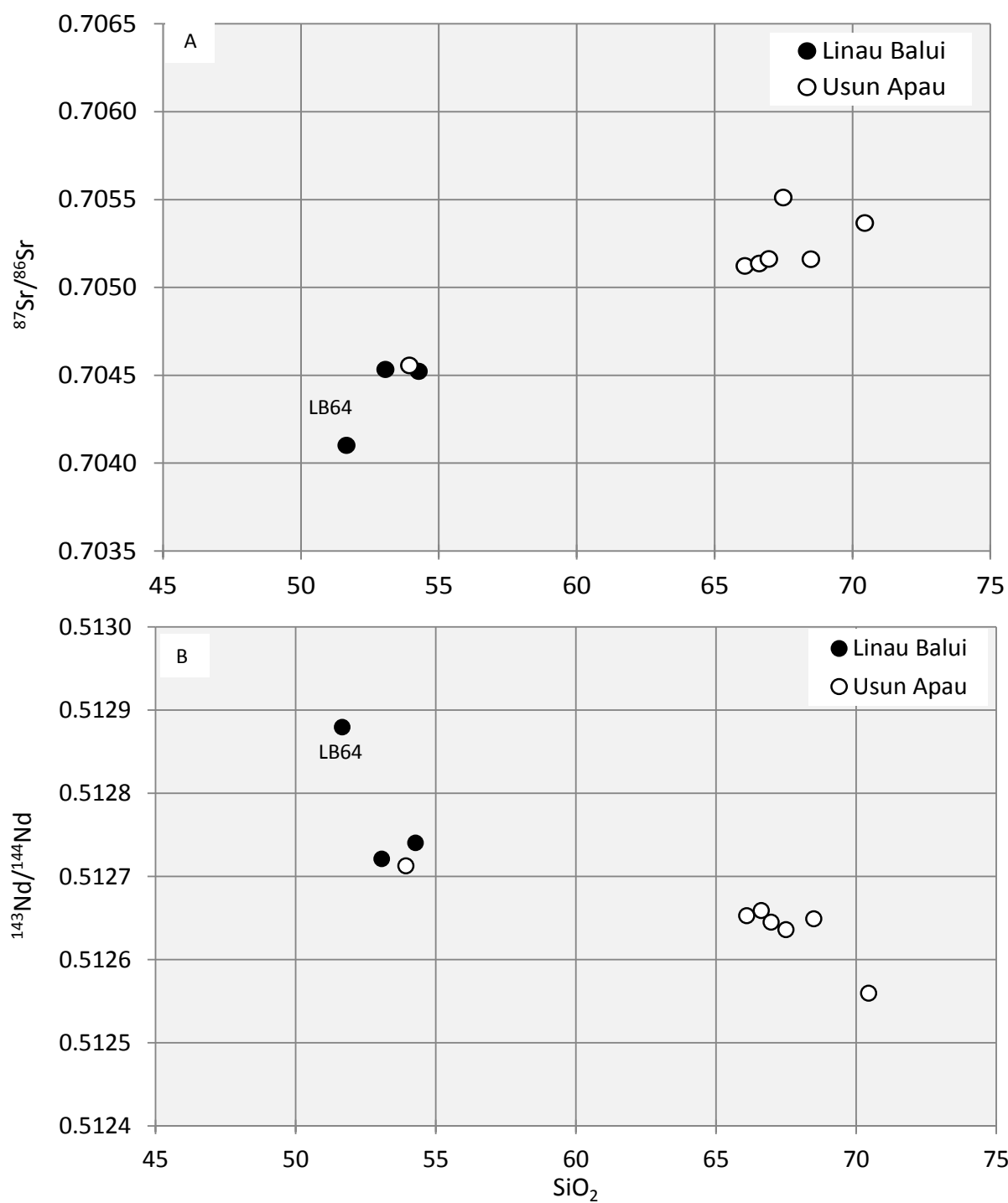


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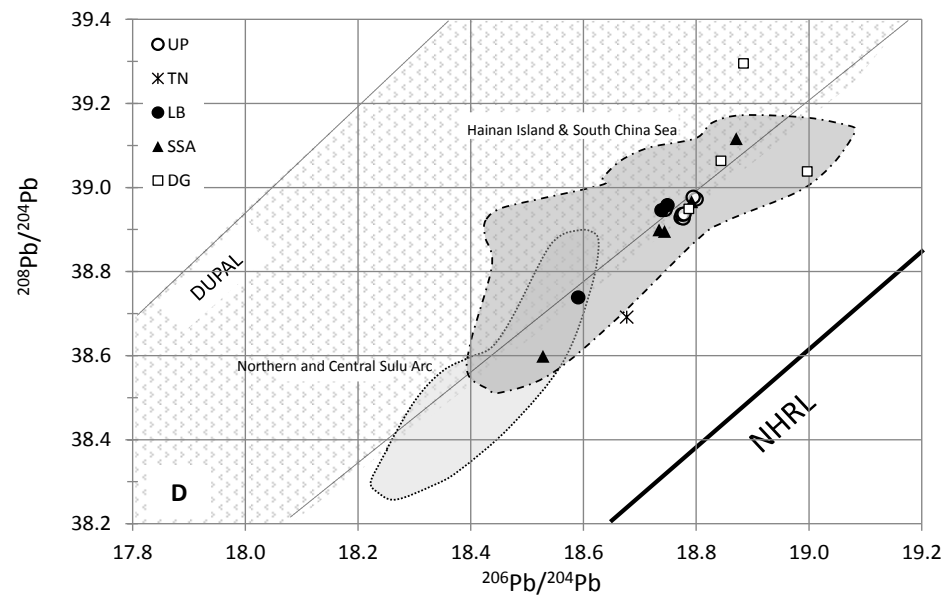
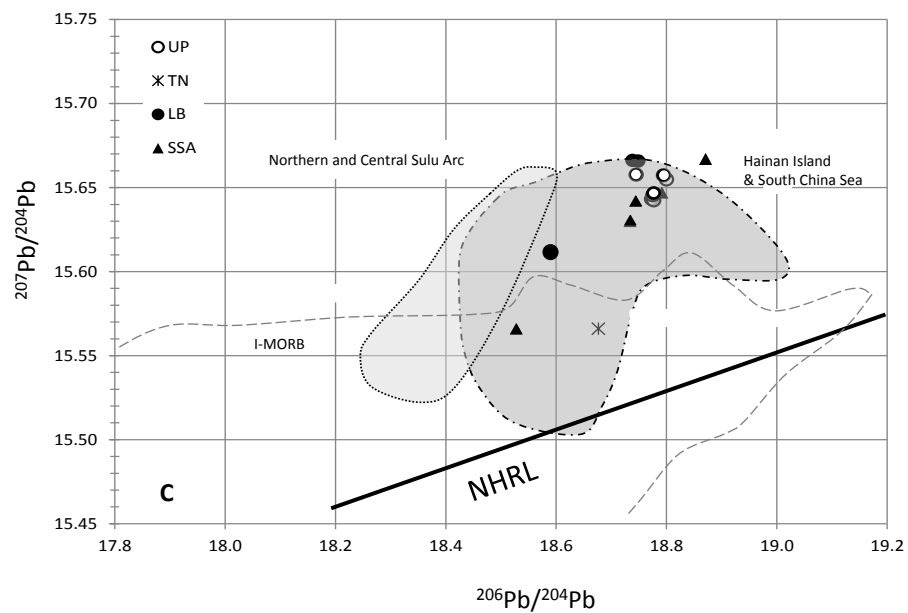
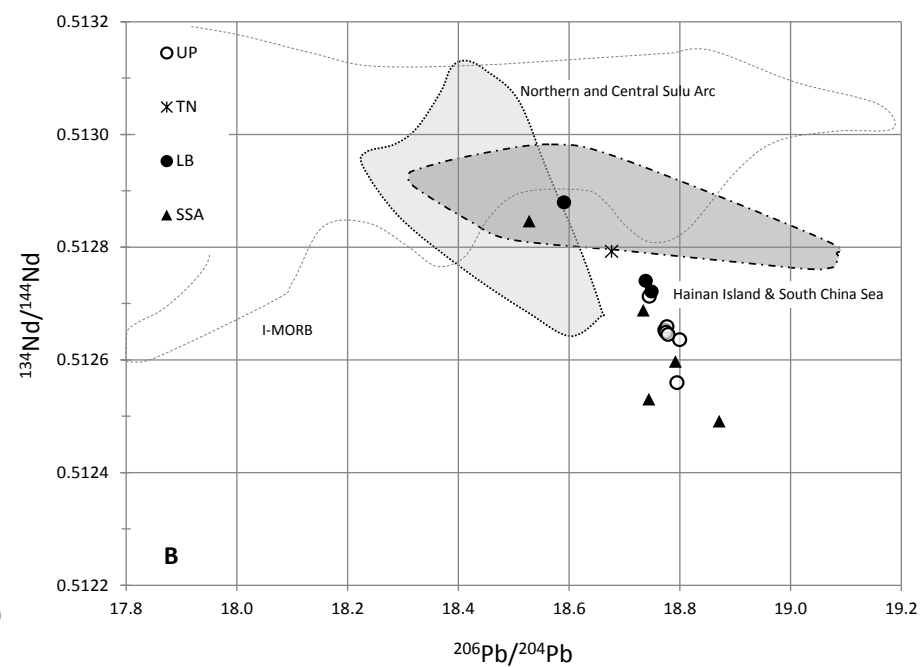
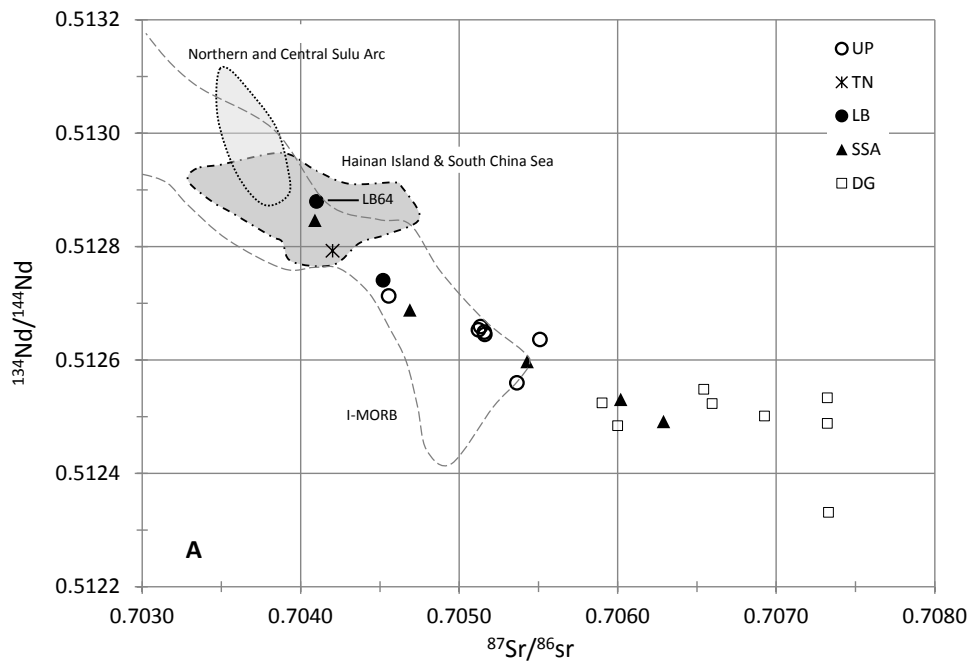


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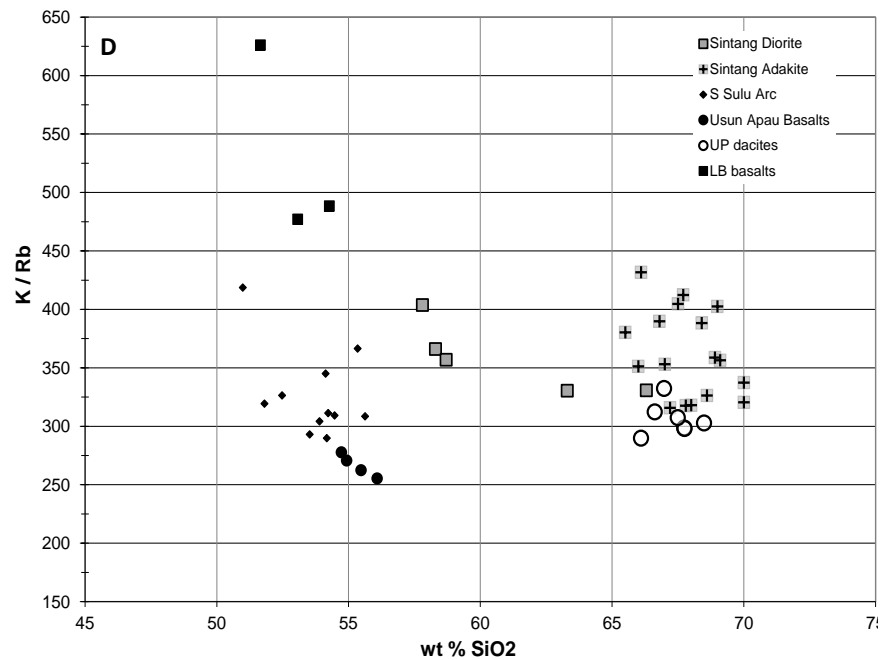
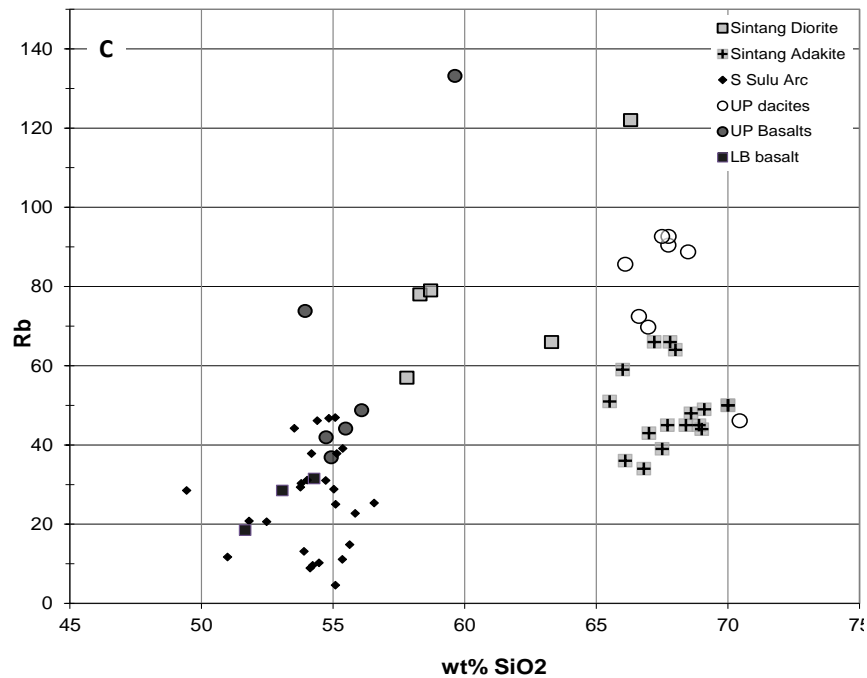
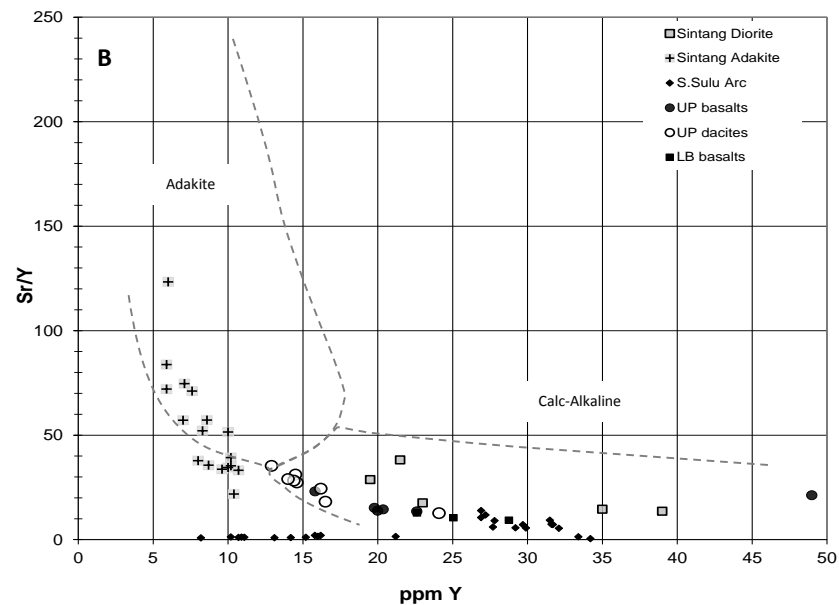
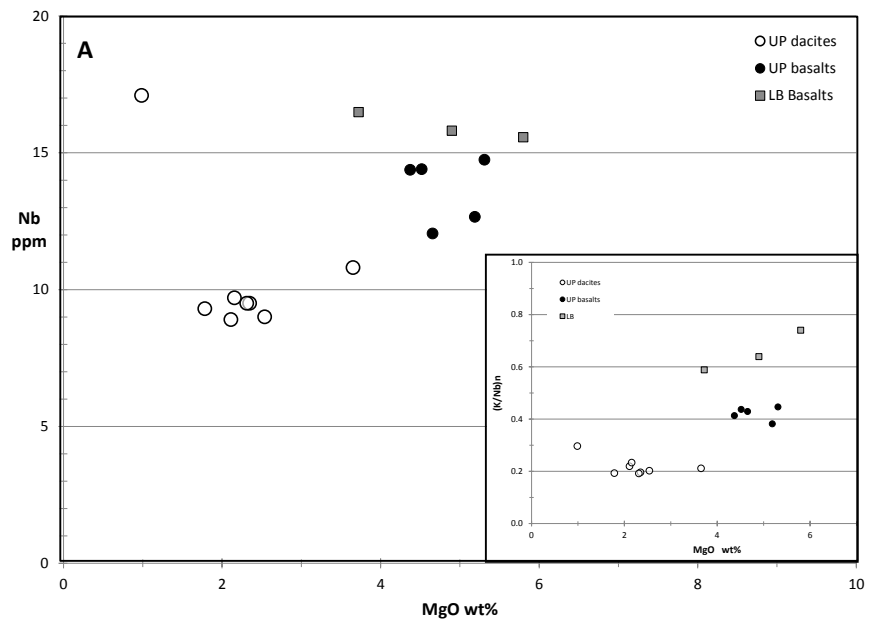


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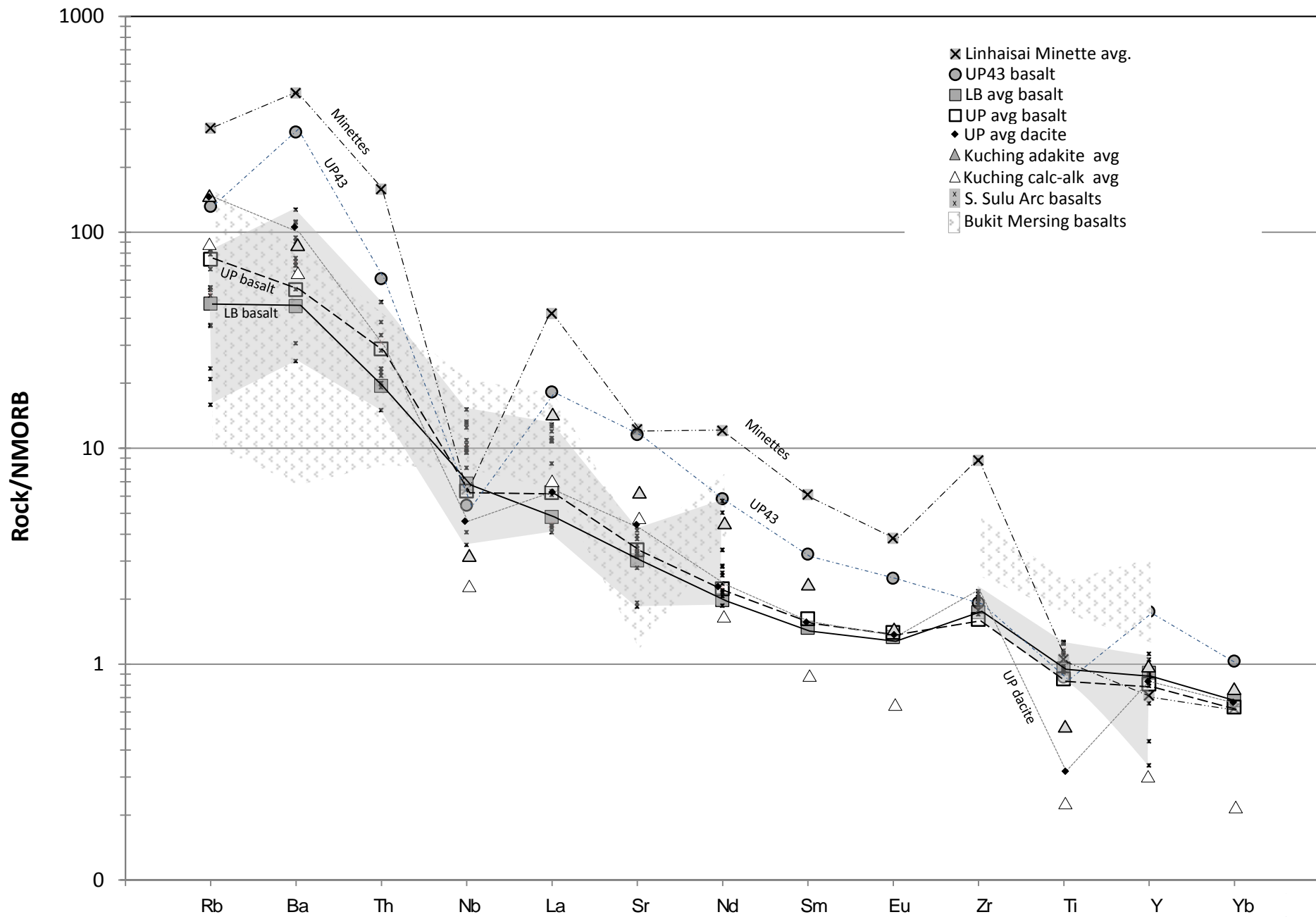


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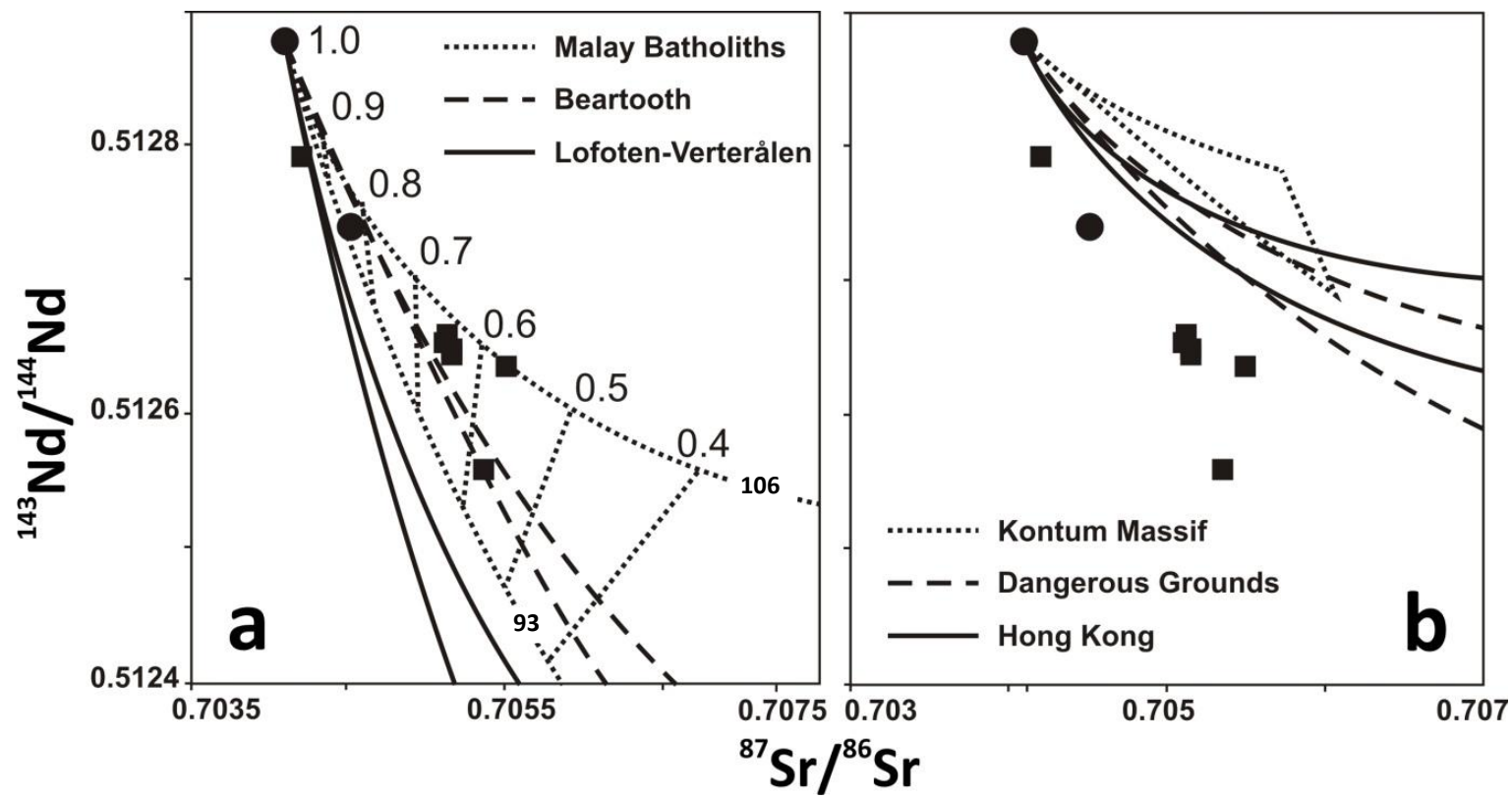


Figure 14

UP4: Andesite-Biotite, 11.80 mg, J = 0.001580 ± 0.59%

step	T (C)	t (min.)	36Ar	37Ar	38Ar	39Ar	40Ar	%40Ar*	% 39Ar rlsd	Ca/K	40Ar*/39 ArK	Age (Ma)	1s.d.
1	650	12	4.846	3.448	1.185	12.075	1381.58	0.6	1.0	0.943909	0.666563	1.90	1.27
2	725	12	1.297	4.154	0.422	8.255	384.301	4.9	0.7	1.663759	2.163354	6.16	0.31
3	790	12	1.093	5.607	0.788	28.377	358.384	14.7	2.3	0.653096	1.759361	5.01	0.09
4	850	12	0.437	4.995	1.124	50.301	197.358	42.0	4.1	0.328194	1.483612	4.22	0.05
5	900	12	0.331	3.665	0.886	40.390	151.006	44.5	3.3	0.299895	1.439306	4.10	0.05
6	950	12	0.388	2.588	1.047	47.544	178.074	43.7	3.9	0.179896	1.438603	4.10	0.05
7	1000	12	0.556	1.781	1.657	75.984	264.970	44.1	6.2	0.077461	1.416099	4.03	0.05
8	1040	12	0.979	1.204	3.976	187.271	537.285	50.1	15.2	0.021247	1.387971	3.95	0.05
9	1070	12	0.839	0.874	5.187	247.004	575.287	60.5	20.0	0.011693	1.366173	3.89	0.04
10	1090	12	0.391	0.668	2.739	130.556	292.479	66.8	10.6	0.016909	1.391487	3.96	0.05
11	1120	12	0.304	0.872	2.570	121.423	251.759	72.0	9.9	0.023733	1.363360	3.88	0.04
12	1160	12	0.269	1.905	3.487	165.381	302.453	80.5	13.4	0.038067	1.367931	3.90	0.04
13	1215	12	0.180	2.124	2.130	100.804	186.929	82.7	8.2	0.069633	1.348946	3.84	0.04
14	1400	12	0.155	1.767	0.390	17.054	67.650	74.0	1.4	0.342440	1.447393	4.12	0.07

Total gas age = 3.96 0.03

Steps 8-13 Plateau age = 3.90 0.04

UP7: Dacite-Plagioclase, 24.68 mg, J = 0.001635 ± 0.69%

step	T (C)	t (min.)	36Ar	37Ar	38Ar	39Ar	40Ar	%40Ar*	% 39Ar rlsd	Ca/K	40Ar*/39 ArK	Age (Ma)	1s.d.
1	600	12	9.122	51.242	4.027	141.252	2853.28	9.6	14.9	1.174744	1.948062	5.74	0.14
2	640	12	1.011	29.476	1.568	101.188	446.574	37.7	10.7	0.943240	1.615873	4.76	0.06
3	680	12	0.743	35.317	1.728	120.701	397.662	49.8	12.7	0.947450	1.583581	4.67	0.05
4	720	12	0.578	36.476	1.723	120.984	340.901	56.3	12.7	0.976261	1.501671	4.42	0.05
5	770	12	0.493	34.620	1.526	106.960	291.288	57.2	11.3	1.048097	1.457492	4.29	0.05
6	830	12	0.466	31.984	1.073	69.876	227.971	47.9	7.4	1.482366	1.430986	4.22	0.05
7	900	12	0.378	23.637	0.723	43.449	164.627	41.9	4.6	1.761971	1.394287	4.11	0.07
8	990	12	0.429	16.084	0.504	28.684	160.479	29.3	3.0	1.816132	1.417053	4.18	0.07
9	1090	12	1.039	16.534	0.723	32.136	342.947	15.6	3.4	1.666327	1.568286	4.62	0.09
10	1180	12	3.196	20.858	1.400	49.885	1012.63	11.0	5.3	1.354058	2.199788	6.48	0.15
11	1260	12	5.845	31.728	2.389	80.686	1840.74	10.3	8.5	1.273412	2.341004	6.89	0.15
12	1400	12	3.736	28.766	1.557	53.240	1182.22	11.0	5.6	1.749952	2.408051	7.09	0.16

Total gas age = 5.11 0.05

No plateau

No isochron

UP8: Dacite-Biotite, 8.90 mg, J = 0.00152 ± 0.93%

step	T (C)	t (min.)	36Ar	37Ar	38Ar	39Ar	40Ar	%40Ar*	% 39Ar rlsd	Ca/K	40Ar*/39 ArK	Age (Ma)	1s.d.
1	730	12	1.885	16.062	0.671	14.138	553.797	4.1	2.1	3.782874	1.559721	4.27	0.23
2	800	12	0.353	12.167	0.306	11.736	119.372	21.5	1.7	3.451690	1.811623	4.96	0.11
3	860	12	0.276	9.402	0.503	22.300	112.978	39.4	3.3	1.402894	1.631004	4.47	0.06
4	920	12	0.318	7.185	0.656	29.125	113.242	39.5	4.3	0.820723	1.508548	4.13	0.07
5	970	12	0.356	4.081	0.981	46.958	170.899	47.3	6.9	0.289085	1.501238	4.11	0.06
6	1010	12	0.395	2.053	1.490	72.577	215.676	53.5	10.7	0.094088	1.432161	3.92	0.05
7	1040	12	0.682	1.464	3.186	154.238	411.703	55.7	22.7	0.031571	1.417177	3.88	0.05
8	1070	12	0.540	1.219	3.131	156.065	374.564	62.5	23.0	0.025980	1.416446	3.88	0.05
9	1100	12	0.253	0.957	1.204	60.404	155.342	62.8	8.9	0.052697	1.387210	3.80	0.05
10	1130	12	0.155	0.743	0.557	26.473	80.626	64.3	3.9	0.093353	1.385749	3.80	0.05
11	1170	12	0.199	1.153	1.087	52.899	127.995	68.3	7.8	0.072497	1.353591	3.71	0.05
12	1220	12	0.119	1.530	0.532	25.747	69.315	78.2	3.8	0.197661	1.385018	3.79	0.07
13	1400	12	0.128	1.712	0.131	5.531	45.640	43.7	0.8	1.029822	1.716188	4.70	0.19

Total gas age = 3.94 0.04

Steps 6-10 Plateau age = 3.86 0.05

Steps 6-8 Isochron age = 3.84 0.06

% 39Ar rlsd (released)

4 amu discrimination = 1.0433 ± 0.20%, 40/39K = 0.0148 ± 79.07%, 36/37Ca = 0.00026 ± 3.15%, 39/37Ca = 0.00067 ± 1.70%

note: isotope beams in mV, rlsd = released, error in age includes J error, all errors 1 sigma

(36Ar through 40Ar are measured beam intensities, corrected for decay for the age calculations)

K concentration is not measured directly in the ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar method.

Measurement of ³⁹Ar indirectly gives the ⁴⁰K via the irradiation and calibration with the fluence monitor standard.

	UP3	UP4	UP5	UP6	UP7	UP8	UP9	UA81	UA43	UA52	UA14	TN96	LB98	LB64	LB85	KL49	AN35
Location	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.85N 114.71E	2.931N 114.58	2.94N 114.62E	2.95N 114.63E Basaltic Andesite	2.95N 114.67E Basaltic Andesite	3.24N 114.35E Basaltic Andesite	2.46N 114.10E	2.42N 114.07E	2.43N 114.08E Basaltic Andesite	3.04N 114.65E Basaltic Andesite	2.99N 114.86E Basaltic Andesite
wt%	Andesite	Andesite	Dacite	Dacite	Dacite	Dacite	Andesite	Dacite	Basalt	Basaltic Andesite	Basaltic Andesite	Basaltic Andesite	Basalt	Basalt	Basaltic Andesite	Basaltic Andesite	Basaltic Andesite
SiO2	66.10	66.62	68.49	67.75	67.50	67.74	66.97	70.45	53.94	54.73	55.48	59.63	53.07	51.66	54.28	56.08	54.93
TiO2	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.59	0.53	0.57	0.50	1.44	1.41	1.37	1.04	1.51	1.67	1.53	1.37	1.37
Al2O3	16.94	17.01	16.52	16.17	15.10	16.18	17.41	16.10	16.90	16.88	16.82	16.10	16.17	16.25	16.50	16.93	16.81
FeO*	3.78	3.59	3.06	3.36	3.88	3.41	3.56	2.87	9.97	9.10	9.39	7.67	11.46	11.13	10.69	9.19	9.75
MnO	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.13	0.14	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.16	0.13	0.14
MgO	2.54	2.11	1.78	2.31	3.65	2.35	2.16	0.99	5.19	5.31	4.52	3.83	4.90	5.80	3.72	4.37	4.66
CaO	4.25	4.23	3.53	3.77	3.51	3.73	3.63	2.73	7.42	7.31	7.14	5.63	7.81	8.61	7.95	6.67	7.23
Na2O	3.60	3.83	3.69	3.63	3.22	3.64	3.61	3.57	3.40	3.39	3.41	3.48	3.58	3.54	3.63	3.47	3.63
K2O	2.06	1.88	2.23	2.29	2.36	2.24	2.67	1.51	1.51	1.50	2.31	1.13	0.96	1.28	1.59	1.28	1.28
P2O5	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.22	0.20
LOI	1.51	3.09	2.56	1.78	1.95	2.51	2.53	2.97	0.66	0.57	1.84	3.37	0.98	1.55	1.83	1.74	2.05
ppm																	
Ni	42.9	39.0	22.9	33.4	45.0	28.6	33.7	NA	NA	78.4	77.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	55.9	54.6
Cr	60.0	57.1	53.9	54.2	130.3	55.9	56.7	NA	NA	140.9	131.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	92.4	114.7
Sc	9.2	9.3	8.2	9.1	10.3	8.7	9.3	19.0	19.0	18.7	18.3	7.7	21.0	20.6	22.5	17.6	18.8
V	64.1	55.0	55.1	56.5	70.2	56.9	56.3	NA	NA	122.4	115.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	115.2	122.5
Ba	337.5	321.4	362.7	379.8	365.6	361.3	365.8	194.7	989.5	184.1	191.6	427.4	157.6	138.3	167.7	215.1	178.3
Rb	85.6	72.4	88.7	92.6	92.6	90.4	69.7	46.1	73.8	41.9	44.1	133.2	28.5	18.5	31.5	48.8	36.9
Sr	456.0	451.5	395.7	406.5	300.3	400.0	405.8	304.8	1040.7	304.6	300.7	364.4	261.2	288.8	266.3	294.0	275.2
Zr	172.9	174.2	167.8	164.3	158.7	163.9	179.7	131.7	142.1	119.2	119.4	67.0	134.0	113.5	138.0	116.5	102.1
Y	12.9	14.5	16.2	14.4	16.5	14.6	14.0	24.1	49.0	22.6	19.8	15.8	25.1	22.6	28.8	20.4	20.0
Nb	9.0	8.9	9.3	9.5	10.8	9.5	9.7	17.1	12.7	14.7	14.4	10.5	15.8	15.6	16.5	14.4	12.1
Ga	17.0	15.7	16.2	17.2	16.1	17.0	16.7	NA	NA	18.1	19.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	19.7	19.6
Cu	17.7	22.6	15.3	18.2	14.5	17.3	33.1	NA	NA	49.1	49.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	47.4	50.8
Zn	60.4	60.3	48.2	60.4	52.5	58.3	62.4	NA	NA	94.2	93.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	90.3	98.1
Pb	9.3	10.4	12.0	11.2	9.4	11.4	12.0	5.1	23.2	4.1	4.6	23.0	4.5	1.7	4.7	5.3	4.1
La	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16.1	45.5	15.6	14.2	29.0	12.6	9.7	13.7	13.7	11.3
Ce	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	32.3	89.1	30.2	27.6	56.7	26.3	21.3	27.7	26.1	21.9
Pr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.09	10.4	3.9	3.5	6.2	3.4	2.8	3.5	3.3	2.8
Nd	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17.4	42.6	16.3	14.5	22.8	14.8	13.1	15.5	13.7	12.0
Sm	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.26	8.49	4.26	3.79	4.43	3.89	3.72	4.00	3.62	3.41
Eu	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.43	2.55	1.43	1.28	1.17	1.33	1.39	1.37	1.23	1.20
Gd	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.57	8.65	4.61	4.02	3.72	4.41	4.25	4.65	3.98	3.84
Tb	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.73	1.23	0.75	0.67	0.55	0.72	0.70	0.76	0.67	0.65
Dy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.32	7.02	4.50	4.02	2.98	4.31	4.11	4.59	4.05	3.96
Ho	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.83	1.37	0.89	0.79	0.54	0.85	0.78	0.92	0.80	0.79
Er	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.32	3.85	2.30	2.07	1.46	2.38	2.15	2.58	2.14	2.11
Tm	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.33	0.52	0.32	0.29	0.20	0.34	0.29	0.36	0.30	0.29
Yb	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.04	3.15	1.93	1.75	1.24	2.15	1.83	2.23	1.83	1.79
Lu	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.29	0.47	0.30	0.27	0.17	0.31	0.26	0.33	0.29	0.28
Th	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.53	7.32	3.46	3.82	9.81	2.72	1.42	2.86	4.19	3.19
Hf	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.04	3.65	3.02	3.11	1.87	3.09	2.63	3.16	3.05	2.72
Ta	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.92	0.92	0.90	0.85	0.95	0.98	0.79
U	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.73	1.96	0.85	0.95	2.25	0.55	0.37	0.60	1.16	0.84
Cs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.01	2.57	1.81	2.00	5.47	1.20	0.43	1.49	2.43	1.67

LOI Loss on Ignition

NA No Analysis

Sample	Lithology	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
UP3	Andesite	0.705122	0.512653	18.773	15.643	38.929
UP4	Andesite	0.705135	0.512659	18.777	15.642	38.927
UP5	Dacite	0.705159	0.512649	18.775	15.645	38.936
UP7	Dacite	0.705511	0.512636	18.800	15.655	38.972
UP9	Andesite	0.705161	0.512645	18.779	15.646	38.937
UA43	Basalt	0.704555	0.512713	18.745	15.658	38.947
UA81	Dacite	0.705365	0.512559	18.795	15.657	38.977
TN96	Andesite	0.704204	0.512792	18.677	15.566	38.691
LBA64	Basalt	0.704100	0.512879	18.591	15.612	38.738
LBA85	Basalt	0.704521	0.512740	18.739	15.666	38.946
LBA98	Basalt	0.704533	0.512721	18.749	15.666	38.958